

1 Q. Provide all of the assumptions used in producing the economic forecast
2 attached to the answer to IC 82 and identify all assumptions that do not
3 agree with the Province's own views.

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6 A. See response to CA-125 regarding the summary of major assumptions for
7 2001 Long Term Planning Forecast.

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9 In conjunction with Hydro's request to the Provincial Government
10 (Department of Finance) to provide an economic forecast, Hydro provides
11 assumptions with respect to the timing and scope of uncommitted mega-
12 projects such as Voisey's Bay and Lower Churchill development for
13 electricity forecasting.

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15 As indicated in IC-82, such assumptions may or may not agree with
16 assumptions held by the Provincial Government. The Department of Finance
17 does not indicate to Hydro which assumptions may be in disagreement, only
18 that the economic forecast services provided to Hydro are an independent
19 analytical service for Hydro's own purposes and are distinct from
20 Government's own long term planning economic forecast requirements.