

1 Q. Does Hydro plan to renew or extend its interrupted/curtailable power  
2 arrangement with ACCC - Stephenville when it expires? If not, why not? If  
3 not, what does Hydro propose to replace that lost capacity? If not, what is the  
4 anticipated cost per kilowatt of the alternate source of energy?

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7 A. The contract with the Abitibi Consolidated mill in Stephenville for Interruptible  
8 'B' capacity expired in spring 2003. An assessment of the capability of the  
9 Island Interconnected System to meet future load requirements (as  
10 summarized on Table 8 in the evidence of Mr. Haynes) indicates that deficits  
11 in capacity are not forecast until 2011. On this basis, Hydro has decided not  
12 to renew the Interruptible 'B' contract at this time. Prior to projected capacity  
13 requirements in 2011, Hydro will review the need and value of similar  
14 arrangements based on the load requirements and the sources available at  
15 that time.