

1 Q. What benefit would other customers receive from the interruptible "B"
2 contract if the Stephenville mill was not operating and there was a
3 requirement for generation capacity?
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5 A. The Interruptible B rate contract assures that 46 MW of Abitibi
6 Stephenville's peak demand will not be on line when Hydro requires it
7 to be interrupted. This is true whether the demand is reduced at
8 Hydro's request or is reduced by the customer's own actions prior to a
9 Hydro request. In either case, there is 46 MW of contracted firm
10 demand that does not have to be supplied, which results in an
11 increased ability for Hydro to service other customer peaks.