

1 Q. Further to NP-71 NLH: Of those utilities that use energy estimates in rate
2 setting, does Hydro know the basis on which these estimates are
3 determined?
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6 A. Six of the ten utility respondents replied that they use energy estimates to set
7 rates. In each case, the basis for the estimates was modeling, using input
8 streamflow sequences of varying lengths, as noted below:
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- 10 • One utility used streamflow information from 1973 to present. The
11 respondent noted that 1973 represented the earliest data available;
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- 13 • One utility used a streamflow record of 58 years;
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- 15 • One utility used a streamflow record of 70 years;
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- 17 • One utility used a streamflow record of 86 years; and
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- 19 • Two utilities used streamflow records of 60 years.
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21 Rates for the other utilities are set by the market or a market operator.