

1    Q.    **Grant Thornton's Prefiled Evidence**

2            Page 8 – Please explain why GWh sales to Rural customers are forecast to  
3            increase by only 2 GWh from 2002 to 2003?

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6    A.    In 2002 heating degree days in Hydro's service territories were greater than  
7            normal and sales were correspondingly stronger that expected. The 2003  
8            forecast year assumes normal weather.