

1 Q. Re p. B-64, identify any unique elements affecting Hydro's situation which  
2 would prevent Hydro from utilizing existing methods of access or off the shelf  
3 programming for these purposes.

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6 A. The most unique element affecting Hydro's situation is that it is an integrated  
7 electrical utility. Hydro must ensure that access of corporate information  
8 technology resources from multiple locations is secure. The new EMS will be  
9 an open architecture as well as the Wide Area and Local Area Networks;  
10 therefore, secure access is paramount. Hydro expects to be able to leverage  
11 its existing RSA Secure ID technology and Virtual Private Network  
12 technology. Additional requirements will be determined as part of the  
13 evaluation.