

1 Q. Is Hydro's current integrated resource plan consistent with the plans utilized
2 in the Marginal Cost Study and Exhibit RDG-2 relating to the report on the
3 treatment of NP generation (page 32)?
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6 A. There are some differences between Hydro's current long-term generation
7 expansion plan, the plan utilized in the Marginal Cost Study, and Exhibit
8 RDG-2 relating to the report on the treatment of NP generation (page 32).
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10 The major difference between the Stone and Webster February 2006 report
11 on the NP Generation Credit (Exhibit 6) and the "base case" expansion
12 analysis in the NERA Marginal Cost Study May 2006 report (Table 2), is the
13 load forecast. The Stone and Webster February 2006 report on the NP
14 Generation Credit (Exhibit 6) used the 2005 Provincial Load Forecast (PLF),
15 which assumed the ACI newsprint mill at Stephenville was operating. The
16 NERA May 2006 report (Table 2) used the 2006 PLF, which takes into
17 account the closing of the Stephenville mill.
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19 Hydro's current long-term generation expansion plan uses the same load
20 forecast as the NERA report, but the firm capacity has decreased by 9.9 MW
21 and the average energy has decreased by 110 GWh as outlined in
22 Regulated Activities: Evidence pages 29 and 39 respectively.