

1 Q. In light of PU 14 (2004) pages 147 – 149 where the Board expressed its preference for
2 a generic hearing on IRP involving both utilities and other interested parties, does
3 the consultant agree that a generic hearing on this issue is most appropriate?

4 A. Mr. Bowman is not sure what is meant by a “generic hearing”, but believes that
5 consideration should be given to the following:

- 6 • Hydro prepare and submit to the Board for review and approval a detailed
7 framework and schedule for undertaking an IRP;
- 8 • Hydro undertake an IRP study consistent with the approved framework and
9 schedule, and submit full documentation to the Board;
- 10 • The Board make the IRP available on its website, and announces its intention to
11 conduct a public hearing on the plan;
- 12 • The hearing is conducted; and
- 13 • On the basis of the hearing and input received from the public and interested
14 stakeholders, the Board approves the IRP, with or without modifications, as the plan
15 for future demand and supply resource development and procurement in the
16 Province.