

1 Q. Would the consultant agree that proceeding with an integrated resource plan before
2 the release of the Province's Energy Plan would potentially pose the potential for:

3 (a) Inconsistency, and/or

4 (b) Unnecessary expenditure/duplication of costs to the detriment of ratepayers?

5 A. Mr. Bowman is opposed to unnecessary expenditures/duplication of costs to the
6 detriment of ratepayers, but points out that the Decision and Order of the Board for
7 P.U. 14, point 62 (page 163) states "The Board has authority and responsibility to
8 ensure that adequate planning occurs for the production, transmission and
9 distribution of least cost reliable power in the Province". The fact that the Province's
10 Energy Plan study is underway does not relieve the Board, and indirectly Hydro,
11 of this responsibility. It is understood from media reports (Telegram, November 1,
12 2006) that release of the Province's Energy Plan has been delayed. Therefore, Mr.
13 Bowman recommends that Hydro prepare an IRP framework and schedule for
14 Board review and approval in an effort to get the IRP study underway, and modify
15 the framework and schedule as necessary following release of the Province's Energy
16 Plan.