

1 Q. Is integrated resource planning consistent or inconsistent with the supply of least
2 cost electricity under Section 3 (b) (iii) of the Electrical Power Control Act (NL)?

3 A. Mr. Bowman believes that integrated resource planning is consistent with Section
4 3 (b) of the Electrical Power Control Act which identifies the Province's policy
5 relating to management and operation of sources and facilities for the production,
6 transmission and distribution of power in the Province. He believes IRP is also
7 consistent with the Board's role in Section 6 of the Act which gives it authority and
8 responsibility to ensure that adequate planning occurs for the future production,
9 transmission and distribution of power in the Province. In summary, Mr. Bowman
10 believes that IRP is consistent with:

- 11 • Section 3 (b) of the Electrical Power Control Act;
- 12 • Section 6 of the Electrical Power Control Act;
- 13 • Hydro's commitment to operational excellence:
 - 14 < "Hydro is committed to operational excellence in providing least cost,
 - 15 reliable power to the consumers of the Province" (page 12, lines 2 – 3 of Mr.
 - 16 Martin's Evidence); and
 - 17 < "The prudent management of costs, without compromising safety and
 - 18 appropriate levels of reliability, is standard operational practice. Customers
 - 19 require a reliable supply of energy but are also clear they want electricity
 - 20 rates to remain at reasonable levels" (page 12, lines 13 to 16 of Mr. Martin's
 - 21 Evidence);

- 1 • Good utility practice; and
- 2 • Maximizing value of electricity service to consumers.