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1 Q. **B-26, Provide Service Extensions, \$2,428,000**

2 If the load growth is expected to be similar to that of the period from 2004 to 2009,  
3 has NLH considered revising its methodology for estimating this expenditure?

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6 A. Hydro uses the historical five-year average of Service Extension expenditures for  
7 forecasting Service Extension budgets. The five-year average expenditure is then  
8 adjusted for cost escalation in future years using a cost escalation index. Hydro has  
9 not considered revising the methodology for estimating this expenditure.