

1 **Q. Re: Pre-filed Evidence of Mr. C. Douglas Bowman, pages 6 and 7 [Re: Test Year**
2 **Load Forecast]: Please confirm the scope of Mr. C. Douglas Bowman**
3 **recommending revision to the test year. In particular, is Mr. C. Douglas Bowman**
4 **recommending revision to the test year load forecast, the required fuel volumes, the**
5 **revenue requirement impact from other factors (e.g., O&M escalation), the impact**
6 **of new capital projects proposed for the 2016 and 2017 years and any changes to**
7 **other matters such as interest rate refinancing? If not, please provide details of how**
8 **Mr. C. Douglas Bowman's proposal addresses internal consistency between the COS**
9 **revenue requirement and the COS loads.**

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11 **A.** As stated in his response to NLH-CA-004, Mr. Doug Bowman recommends that
12 Hydro modify its 2015 test year to reflect loads that are more representative of the 2015
13 to 2017 period when the rates are expected to be in effect. Production quantities and costs
14 should be adjusted accordingly. The adjustments should be made in a manner that lends
15 greater confidence that proposed rates are just and reasonable. As explained in Mr. Doug
16 Bowman's Pre-filed Evidence (Section 11), use of 2015 loads in the cost of service study
17 does not lend such confidence.