

1     Q.     Re: IC-NLH-070. Is it Hydro's view that changes to grid load to alter the peak  
2           capacity are unlikely to result in material changes to the long-term costs of the  
3           system?  
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6     A.     It is Hydro's view that changes to grid load to alter the peak demand would have to  
7           be large enough to delay the addition of generation capacity to result in material  
8           changes to the long-term costs of the system. Any programs or initiatives to reduce  
9           demand would have to be assessed using standard utility economic analysis in the  
10          context of the system's long-term costs to determine if the changes to the long-  
11          term costs of the system would be positive or negative.