

1 Q. Please provide a detailed description of the power service presently provided to
2 each of Vale and Praxair. Is the power supply firm? Are supply levels set by the
3 customer, or set in conjunction with Hydro (e.g., scheduling of major activities)? Is
4 power being consumed for industrial production purposes, for construction, for
5 commissioning or for other purposes? Please provide the same information for
6 each of 2013 and 2014.

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9 A. It is Hydro's understanding that Vale and Praxair are operating under the
10 *Construction* and *Commissioning* periods of their service agreements, respectively,
11 and that power is being consumed for these purposes. The power is being provided
12 as per the terms set forth in each of the customer's power contracts as approved in
13 Board Order No. P.U. 6(2012) for Vale and No. P.U. 9(2013) for Praxair. Both
14 customers have experienced progressively increasing levels of demand to date. It is
15 expected that both operations will move to their respective *Ramp-Up* periods in
16 2014, however no firm indication of when these periods will commence has been
17 provided in the load forecast information provided by these customers.