

1 Q. **Re: 2012 Capital Plan**

2 What is the current environmental legislative or regulatory requirement related to
3 the release of CO₂ referred to on page 19 of the 2012 Capital Plan?

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6 A. As of 2011, there are no legislative or regulatory requirements related to the
7 release of CO₂. The reference in the 2012 Capital Plan does not refer to current
8 legislation, but rather Hydro's expectation of legislation for 2016 and beyond. The
9 Federal Government has introduced greenhouse gas emissions regulation for coal-
10 fired electricity generating facilities. The reference noted in the 2012 Capital Plan
11 reflects Hydro's position that it is doubtful that Holyrood will be permitted to
12 continue to emit CO₂ unfettered and in noncompliance with greenhouse gas
13 emissions regulations that may be in place in another five years.