

1 Q. Did Hydro follow a tendering process that is consistent with practice elsewhere for
2 procurement of generation facilities such as a combustion turbine? More
3 specifically, is the tendering process followed by Hydro consistent with good utility
4 practice as it relates to competition and the assurance that customers receive
5 optimum value? For example, was the number and quality of proposals received
6 comparable to that in other jurisdictions issuing similar tenders, or was the
7 procurement process too restrictive with too short a turnaround that might
8 necessitate re-issuing the tender?

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11 A. Hydro conducts its tendering process in accordance with provincial legislation.
12 Hydro expects that such practice would vary depending on the jurisdiction and
13 requirements of the project. The process provided by the *Public Tender Act*
14 provides for good competition and the assurance that taxpayers and ratepayers
15 receive optimum value. Hydro has not surveyed other jurisdictions to determine if
16 the number and quality of proposals received were comparable. However, Hydro
17 believes that the number and quality received were both reasonable for the
18 requirements of this project. Please see Hydro's response to GT-CA-NLH-004 for a
19 listing of the responses to this tender. Hydro therefore believes that the
20 procurement process was not too restrictive with too short a turnaround that might
21 necessitate re-issuing the tender.