

1 Q. In Hydro's *Generation Planning Issues 2008 Mid Year Update – System Planning July*  
2 *2008* various alternatives are discussed as a means to meeting the capacity deficit  
3 in 2013, including a 50 MW combustion turbine for 2012. The report also stated a  
4 36-month in-service date for this combustion turbine. What circumstances led to  
5 Hydro's decision of not proceeding in securing this 50 MW combustion turbine as a  
6 solution for the 2013 deficit?

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9 A. The circumstance that led to Hydro's decision of not proceeding in securing this  
10 50 MW combustion turbine as a solution for the 2013 deficit was primarily a  
11 reduction in forecasted load due to AbitibiBowater ceasing production at its Grand  
12 Falls newsprint mill in February 2009. As reported in Hydro's *Generation Planning*  
13 *Issues 2009 October Update*, this delayed the requirement for additional generation  
14 capacity to the 2015-16 timeframe. Please see GT-V-NLH-004 Attachment 1.