

1    Q.    Please describe the role, if any, that system events which occurred during the  
2           2013/2014 winter (December 2013 through March 2014) have played in Hydro's  
3           assessment of alternatives in relation to this project.

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6    A.    The events which occurred during the 2013/2014 winter have not played a role in  
7           the assessment of alternatives in relation to this project. All alternatives considered  
8           were assessed for compliance with Hydro's transmission planning criteria using a  
9           consistent set of contingencies over a full range load and generation dispatch  
10          scenarios. The BDE to Avalon transmission line was the only alternative that  
11          satisfied the planning criteria.