

1 Q. Has Hydro revised its forecast of the winter peak for 2014 to 2017 since the events
2 of December 2013 and January 2014? If yes, provide details of the change.

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5 A. From an operational perspective, Hydro's short-term load forecast is continually
6 revised on a daily basis. The short-term load forecasting application has
7 incorporated the information and data on what has occurred and this is now
8 reflected in its daily and weekly system demand forecasts. Hydro's short-term load
9 forecast application improves its forecast accuracy by tracking forecasts with actual
10 values as well as updating the model with new information as it becomes available.
11 The application learns the pattern of load changes from numerous weather
12 variables as well as day of week, time of year, and holidays by learning from
13 historical data. Thus, if a similar weather pattern occurs, the short-term load
14 forecast application should more accurately forecast the system demand.

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16 From a long-term planning perspective, Hydro has not revised its longer-term
17 forecast of the winter peak for 2014 to 2017 since the events of December 2013
18 and January 2014. However, an initial assessment of the peak loads would indicate
19 that Hydro's normal peak day forecast would increase by 10 MW for the remainder
20 of this winter. As part of Hydro's annual forecasting process, Hydro will include the
21 peak from the current winter in its analyses and incorporate any necessary changes
22 in its Spring 2014 operating load forecast.