

1    Q.    **Outage Management**

2            Further to the response to PUB-NLH-127 do Hydro's interruptible agreements with  
3            its customers allow for economic interruptions, as well as for reliability? If so, has  
4            Hydro exercised this ability within the past two years? Provide a table of dates,  
5            number of economic interruptions and durations.

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8    A.    Further to Hydro's response to PUB-NLH-127, Hydro's interruptible agreements  
9            with its customers do not allow for economic interruptions. The interruption of  
10           customer load by Hydro is based solely on reliability considerations. Please refer to  
11           Hydro's responses to PUB-NLH-033, CA-NLH-009 and CA-NLH-022 for further details  
12           concerning Hydro's interruptible arrangements with its customers.

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14           Under its Generation Reserves protocol (filed with the Board as part of Hydro's  
15           response to CA-NLH-008), Hydro advises Industrial Customers who may be taking  
16           interruptible power at marginal cost based rates of an impending requirement by  
17           Hydro to start more expensive standby generation (diesel and gas turbine  
18           generators) in order to maintain sufficient generation reserves. Each customer  
19           then has the economic decision to continue with any non-firm power purchases at  
20           the more expensive standby source energy rates or reducing its load to firm  
21           (contractual) levels. These non-firm (interruptible) power purchases are cancelled  
22           by Hydro only when generation reserve levels continue to deteriorate and system  
23           reliability becomes a concern.