
1 Q. Please explain why it is necessary to enter into a new agreement at this time to
2 include this winter period when the existing agreement doesn't expire until March
3 2018.

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6 A. There are benefits to Hydro for entering into a revised agreement at this time. The
7 revised agreement has a firm 90 MW, as opposed to the current level 60 MW of
8 capacity assistance, which is available to Hydro within 10 minutes. CBPP's fixed
9 payment is reduced if it cannot meet the assistance requested within that
10 timeframe.

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12 The revised agreement extends the period in which Hydro may call on CBPP for
13 assistance by an extra month on either end of the previous winter period for a total
14 of six months whereas the 2014 Agreement provided only for four months. This
15 provides operational flexibility to Hydro should there be unforeseen delays during
16 the maintenance season, unexpected problems with generation assets, or, an early
17 arrival/late departure of winter weather conditions.