

1 **Q: Re: Liberty Report, Conclusions 2.9, 2.10 and 2.11 (p. 31)**

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3 **Citation:**

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5 **2.9. Despite nearly 200 MW of additional generation and demand-side**
6 **resources, the supply situation is expected to remain tight until the**
7 **arrival of Muskrat Falls.**

8 **2.10. Additional new generation does not present a good option, unless**
9 **new load materializes or availability declines.**

10 **2.11. Despite improvement initiatives in 2014, availability remains a**
11 **major challenge.**

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13 **It represents the only remaining, practicable option for improving supply**
14 **reliability in the near-term. Hydro needs to pursue availability**
15 **aggressively, in conjunction with exploring demand- side potential.**

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17 **Has Hydro demonstrated that availability improvements sufficient to improve**
18 **supply availability to acceptable levels can be obtained quickly and at**
19 **reasonable cost? If so, please provide references. If not, on what basis do you**
20 **conclude that this is in fact a “practicable option”?**

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23 A. As Liberty has reported, Hydro took steps during 2014 to address availability
24 concerns. The question now is whether those efforts will result in higher
25 availability. One should expect an affirmative answer given the resources spent in
26 this endeavor. Nevertheless, problems at the existing CTs continued through the
27 early part of the current winter season. Liberty nonetheless has concluded that
28 availability improvement can and should be a “practicable option”, but only time
29 will tell if the Hydro efforts are successful.