

1 **Q: Re: Liberty Report, Conclusion 2.11 (p. 31)**

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3 **On what basis should options to a) improve resource availability and b) reduce**
4 **demand, be compared?**

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7 A. Major factors relevant to Hydro's circumstances include contribution to supply
8 reliability (*e.g.*, reserves), execution risk, other uncertainties in producing expected
9 outcomes, schedule, operational predictability and reliability, short- and long-term
10 cost, environmental impacts, short-and long-term utility, relationship to other
11 planned facility and program additions and retirements, and stakeholder acceptance
12 comprise important variables. Such comparisons may not be determinative here,
13 however, given Hydro's current reserve situation. Both availability improvement
14 and demand reduction should be aggressively pursued to the extent that viable
15 options are identified.