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1 Q: On page 10 of the report Liberty notes that the risk on the IIS at this time, and 2 for the next 2-4 winters, is greater than previously thought and exceeds Hydro's 3 reliability criterion (EUE not exceeding 300 MW.h, which Hydro equates to an 4 LOLH of 2.8). Liberty then states: "This does not mean that such risks are 5 automatically unacceptable. One must balance the risk against the cost of new 6 capacity to make an informed decision." Liberty goes on to state that there are 7 several reasons why they consider the risk pre-Muskrat Falls to be higher than 8 calculated by Hydro. In light of Liberty's assessment of the risk, and based on 9 Liberty's experience and current information on the IIS, what added capacity 10 and cost would it appear reasonable for Hydro to consider at this time for the pre-Muskrat Falls period based: (a) on Hydro's existing reliability standard and 11 load forecasts, (b) on new criteria that would be consistent with North 12 13 American practice and Hydro's existing load forecasts, and (c) on new criteria 14 that would be consistent with North American practice and a revised load 15 forecast of peak demand (P90) equal to that provided June 30,2015 (as shown in 16 Figure 11.3 of the Liberty report)?

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A. Liberty has recommended that Hydro conduct a new supply review (Recommendation II-1). It is not practical for Liberty to estimate the optimum amount of required new capacity or its cost in the absence of such a review.

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Please also see Liberty's response to NP-PUB-001.