

1 Q. Ref: Schedule B (generally). In many of the project descriptions provided in
2 Schedule B reference is made by Hydro of its intention to “solicit competitive
3 bids for all materials and external labour” in order “to ensure that the project
4 is completed at the lowest possible costs”. Please explain, in general terms,
5 how Hydro has estimated the costs of a project given that competitive bids
6 have yet to be obtained at the time that the project was submitted for
7 approval.

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10 A. In preparing estimates for materials and external labour costs of a project,
11 Hydro uses historical prices realized from previous tenders received from
12 vendors and construction contractors. On specialized projects, suppliers are
13 requested to provide budgetary quotes for systems and equipment while
14 costs for external labour are estimated based on the various trades to be
15 employed in the execution of the work.