

1 Q. (April 10, 2014 report entitled Supply and Install 100 MW (Nominal) of Combustion
2 Turbine Generation)

3 At p. 9 Hydro states that, *"The tender process will be open to both new and ready*
4 *built (but unused) combustion turbines thus encouraging original manufacturers as*
5 *well as aftermarket sources. All proposals must assure an in service date in 2014.*

6 *Discussions have been held with several vendors and they are aware of the required*
7 *2014 in service date. However, to ensure this expedited schedule can be achieved a*
8 *timely approval by the Board is essential."* What measures were taken by Hydro to
9 make its tender call known to the potential supplier market? How, if at all, did those
10 measures differ from Hydro's typical measures for tenders of large capital
11 expenditures?
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14 A. Several measures were taken by Hydro to make its tender call known to the
15 potential supplier market. Hydro advertised its tender on its public website. For
16 several months prior to posting the tender on its website, Hydro had investigated
17 the supply of a combustion turbine plant by canvassing all known major suppliers of
18 combustion turbines, discussing Hydro's needs and inviting budgetary proposals
19 from all. During the process, Hydro visited a combustion turbine plant to inspect
20 like equipment to what some suppliers were offering as new and unused. During
21 the canvassing process, suppliers were advised that if Hydro received approval to
22 proceed with the project from its regulator then a public tender call would be
23 issued with a condensed tender schedule. When the tender was being prepared for
24 public posting on Hydro's website, Hydro contacted the four suppliers that had
25 offered the best budgetary proposals and advised them of the pending tender.