

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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**REFERENCE:** Régie de l'énergie du Québec, Docket No. R-3477-2001; Hydro-Québec  
HQD-2, Document 3, Items 3.a. and 3.b.

Dear Guy:

In the referenced information request, Industrial Economics, Incorporated (IEc) asked that Hydro Québec provide the load data used to derive the load profiles shown in HQD-1, Document 1, Annexe 2 and the corresponding load profiles used to develop the 2000 rates. In its response, Hydro Québec has refused to provide this information, citing the need to provide more than 10 million data observations, and expressing concerns about client confidentiality.

We believe that Hydro Québec has misinterpreted our request. We did not request nor do we require any individual customer data that sums to the load profiles as shown in Annexe 2. We only request that Hydro Québec provide the aggregate hourly load profile data for each rate class. Unless there are rate classes with very few customers, we do not believe that such load data would create confidentiality problems. Moreover, standard spreadsheet software packages are capable of supporting the data that we requested. (Each graph requires less than 9,000 data points, and data for 20 graphs were requested, totalling less than 180,000 data points.)

Because Hydro Québec's filed cost allocation methodology relies exclusively on load patterns and loss factors, we believe that it is a reasonable request that the utility supply intervenors with the hourly information relied upon to compute weather normalized loads and annual system load factors. We appreciate any efforts that you can undertake to persuade Hydro Québec to provide this information.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Knecht  
Principal

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