

**UNDERTAKING**

**Undertaking**

TO ADVISE WHETHER OPTIMIZATIONS DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE  
GREEN ENERGY PLAN HAVE TAKEN PLACE

**Response**

Discussions have taken place with Hydro One labour relations about optimization of  
Green Energy Plan execution in respect of the use of internal versus external resources.

The issue of using contract resources was considered during the planning process as  
documented in Exhibit A, Tab 14, Schedule 8, page 3, starting at line 23 which states  
“Hydro One Distribution has taken a number of actions to increase the volume of work  
the Company can complete in future years. Hydro One Distribution is implementing fully  
integrated work planning methods that balance and optimize the use of internal and  
external resources ...”

The extent of external contracting forecast as part of the planning process is documented  
in the response to interrogatory Exhibit H, Tab 11, Schedule 1, part d.

The issue of using contract resources to complete the planned work program, and in  
particular the Green Energy Plan work, was also discussed at length between Mr. Gee  
and Mr. Mondrow (Transcript, Volume 6, pages 148-158). In response to a question  
from Mr. Mondrow about optimizing the use of internal and external resources Mr. Gee  
confirms that Hydro One “... believes there are external resources that can be used,  
there’s external contracting, external engineering firms ...” (Transcript, Volume 5, page  
151, lines 12-14).

In response to a question from Mr. Mondrow about external contracting resources being a  
significant source of work, Mr. Gee states that “We believe they’re ready. We believe  
they can grow into this, and we are counting on them to do so.” (Transcript, Volume 5,  
page 158, lines 15-16).