

A. Reference: Questions Concerning the Price of Natural Gas

- 1.1.0 Puget Sound Energy recently put out a Request for Proposals in which they asked the bidders either to assume the risk for the future rise in the price of natural gas, or to explain why they could not assume that risk. No bidders were able to fulfil either of these requests, with the result that no natural gas bids were included in the proposals. Which forecasts does BC Hydro use to justify its confidence that the future long-term cost of natural gas will remain low over the full life of the project?

RESPONSE:

Please refer to the response to BCUC IR 1.24.3 for the natural gas price forecast used to evaluate the portfolios.

Please refer the response to BCSEA 1.A.2 regarding the source of the gas price forecast.