## **Preliminary Project Description and Budget Estimate**

IRP is a process that identifies options for meeting customers' anticipated needs for electric service in a way that addresses multiple objectives that may be imposed by legislation, Public Utility Commissions, environmental concerns, or customer concerns. In theory, this process puts all options on the table, evaluates them equally against a set of certain objectives, and chooses a portfolio of resources that best meets those objectives. Again, in theory, all resources, from both the supply side and the demand-side, would receive comparable treatment in the IRP process.<sup>1</sup>

A critical evaluation will be conducted of whether Hydro's alternative analysis is consistent with modern good practice. The evaluation will consider:

If preferred and alternative resource and conservation evaluations are complete, accurate, thorough, reasonable and sound.

## **Key Steps**

Prepare background literature review for legal counsel;

Review Hydro Filing and prepare 1st round information requests;

Review Second Round information requests;

Critical evaluation of whether alternative resource and conservation evaluations are complete, accurate, thorough, reasonable and sound.

Present evidence if required.

Range 150 to 250 hours at \$90 (US) per hour.

<sup>1</sup> Citing directly from Dave Lamont and John Gerhard, The Treatment of Energy Efficiency in Integrated Resource Plans: A Review of Six State Practices, January 2013.

Estimate: 200 hours at \$90 (US) per hour = \$18,000 (US)