

1 Q. Schedule III of Mr. Henderson's Prefiled Testimony indicates that total
2 system energy storage in April and May of 2001 was below the Minimum
3 Energy Storage Target. Why?
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6 A. During April and early May, the total system energy storage was below the
7 minimum storage target. Inflows were light during this period, like most of
8 the winter, as snow accumulated. Runoff from snow melt was expected to
9 be above normal as a result. A snow survey performed at the end of March
10 showed well above average snow on the ground. Therefore, Hydro expected
11 to be well above the minimum target by June 30, when the large snow
12 accumulation had melted. This projection held throughout the spring period
13 and at the end of the runoff, the storage was approximately 120-125% of the
14 minimum target.