

1 Q. **Re: p. B-25** Indicate the number of times that Hydro has attempted to start
2 the Stephenville Gas Turbine over the last 5 years and the number of
3 attempts to start which occurred on each occasion, as well as the number of
4 times that the batteries have been fully discharged.

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7 A. For the period 1999-2003, the number of starts recorded for the Stephenville
8 Gas Turbine was 36. The number of failed starts recorded was 5. The
9 number of attempts to start for each of these failed attempts is not
10 recorded, but usually several attempts are made before a failure is recorded.
11 Starts for maintenance and testing are not included in the data.

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13 The battery has never been fully discharged, but has been discharged to a
14 level which jeopardizes a safe rundown on the DC auxiliaries.

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16 The diesel is required to insure adequate DC capacity is available at all times
17 to prevent major damage to the unit.