

1 B-20, Replace Superheater – Unit No. 2, \$318,700

2 Q. What alternatives, including deferral, have been considered in determining  
3 the best solution to dealing with this unreliable piece of equipment?

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6 A. Deferral was not considered to be a viable option because of the degree to  
7 which the wall thickness of the boiler tubes in question has deteriorated.  
8 Deferral will result in an increased rate of tube failures, increasing the  
9 number and duration of outages during the peak generating season. This will  
10 compromise Hydro's ability to service its customers. The only other  
11 alternative would be to not replace the superheater and to remove the boiler  
12 from service. This would result in a loss of 170 MW of generation, which is  
13 could not be replaced by another source.