

1 Q. With reference to the 0.4% improvement in the efficiency of the Unit 3 steam
2 turbine which it is asserted will be achieved by the proposed Unit 3 upgrade
3 (Section H, Tab 1 of the Capital Budget Application) and which is said to
4 have been identified by a steam path audit, is that degree of improvement
5 within the existing margin of variability in the efficiency of Unit 3 under actual
6 operating conditions?

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9 A. The 0.4% improvement in efficiency is expected to be realized under a range
10 of operating conditions. The efficiency gain does not occur at only one
11 operating point, but over a range of unit output.