

1 Q. Reference: Hydro's 2016 Standby Fuel Deferral Application, February 5, 2016,
2 response to Request for Information NP-NLH-003. Hydro states:

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4 *"...Hydro uses guidance from the results of the Vista Decision Support System which*
5 *provides recommended hydro and thermal generation schedules using simulations*
6 *of all historic inflow scenarios. In addition, other factors are taken into*
7 *consideration such as: weather and load forecasts, snow pack, distribution of the*
8 *storage within the reservoir system, and the available thermal capacity."*

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10 Please describe each instance when managerial decisions overrode Vista
11 recommendations in 2015 and 2016.

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14 A. Please refer to Hydro's response to NP-NLH-004 which describes the use of Vista
15 and other aspects of the water management process at Hydro.

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17 Any water management guideline contrary to Vista recommendations is a result of
18 professional judgment. Vista is a Decision Support System, and one input to the
19 creation of the water management guidelines. It is not the only input and
20 therefore, the final guidelines are rarely exactly as suggested by Vista. It would,
21 therefore, be impractical to list instances when the final guidelines differed from
22 Vista.