

1 Q. In reference to “ponding” opportunities, please provide any current forecasts, even
2 if in draft form, of incremental energy imports intended to be used to increase
3 energy storage in the Province’s reservoirs. Include flow patterns associated with
4 monthly, diurnal, or any other temporal granularity aligned with the estimates.

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7 A. “Ponding” opportunities are not currently forecasted for financial purposes or for
8 the management of reservoir storage.

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10 Pondering opportunities are not currently forecasted for financial purposes, because
11 they are considered an optimization activity which is possible when both external
12 market conditions and internal generation capacity permit. NEM’s front office
13 maintains forecasts of external market conditions. The forecast of internal
14 generation capacity is a function of the load forecast, the generation outage plan,
15 and water management guidelines. Due to the uncertainty in forecasting when
16 external and internal conditions are concurrently favourable, it is not prudent to
17 forecast pondering activity in financial forecasts at this time. This will be reviewed as
18 experience with pondering grows.

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20 Pondering opportunities are not forecasted for the management of reservoir storage.
21 An analysis completed in the spring of 2018 demonstrated that the impact of
22 imports for pondering purposes had an immaterial impact on reservoir levels. Pondering
23 imports are expected to be exported within a short time frame (days to months).