Q. Hydro at page 14 of the 2013 Capital Plan states that first power from the Labrador Island HVDC Link is anticipated to be available in late 2016, that following full commissioning of the HVDC Link it is intended to maintain the Holyrood asset as "generator ready" for three to four years to address the possibility of loss of supply from Labrador, and that after 2020 Holyrood will be available for synchronous condenser operation only.

(a) In the above-described circumstances, is full commissioning anticipated to be later than 2017?

(b) It is the understanding of the Island Industrial Customers that, currently as a generating asset, Holyrood's three thermal generating units are operated at a minimum base load of at least 40% of their maximum capacity rating at all times (excepting downtime for inspections, repairs, and the like). Explain, in detail, how this minimum operating procedure will change following full commissioning of the HVDC Link.

A. (a) Currently, full commissioning of the HVDC Link is scheduled for June 2017.

(b) Currently, when each of Holyrood's three thermal generating units is on-line, it operates at a minimum base load of 70 MW. This minimum operating procedure would not change following full commissioning of the HVDC Link. However, following full commissioning of the HVDC Link, currently it is not intended for the units to be on-line, except in the event of loss of supply from Labrador and for one week annually, to ensure that they are fully operational, as described at the top of page 15 of the *2013 Capital Plan* document.