

1    Q.    Please explain the internal operations and planning that Hydro undertakes to  
2           maximize the fuel conversion rate for its Holyrood Thermal Generating Station.  
3           (Volume I Section 2: Regulated Activities, page 2.74, lines 22 to 26)  
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6    A.    Please refer to Hydro's response to IC-NLH-093 (Revision 1, Dec 4-14) for a listing of  
7           plant equipment maintenance initiatives and capital programs completed or  
8           pending which improve fuel conversion rates at the Holyrood plant. In addition,  
9           there is a performance monitoring system for each unit that is used by plant  
10          personnel to ensure proper operation of equipment to achieve maximum  
11          performance in maintaining/improving the conversion rate.  
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13          From a unit scheduling perspective, Hydro monitors load forecasts and schedules  
14          units to be on-line only as required for system capacity support or to support the  
15          transmission into the Avalon Peninsula. In this manner, unit operating time at low  
16          (and therefore inefficient) levels of generation is minimized. Hydro tracks and  
17          reports variations in Holyrood unit operating time from "Ideal" to the Public Utilities  
18          Board in its quarterly reports.