

1 Q. (Re: Application Clause 8) Hydro indicates that the installation date for the diesel  
2 plant black start project “depends upon receipt of Board approval for this project”.  
3 Please provide the current timeline for the project starting with the Board approval  
4 and ending with full functionality of the diesel plant as a black start facility.

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7 A. Board approval was received on November 29, 2013. Site work and unit installation  
8 was scheduled to be completed on February 14, 2014. Due to adverse weather,  
9 unit installation was delayed and partial commissioning is now scheduled to be  
10 completed on March 12, 2014<sup>1</sup>. The installation requires interconnection with the  
11 Holyrood plant and thus a brief station service outage of Unit 1 is needed. In order  
12 to facilitate this, Unit 1 would have to be taken offline and the Newfoundland  
13 Power mobile gas turbine would have to be disconnected and removed. Continuing  
14 high customer load demands has required Unit 1 at Holyrood to be online, thus  
15 delaying the outage. Once the outage is obtained, the blackstart system will be  
16 interconnected with the plant, allowing the diesel units to be used if required. Full  
17 load testing will be completed on the diesel units up to the limits of the  
18 interconnecting facilities once they are connected.

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20 In order to complete a blackstart test of one of the boiler feed pump motors on  
21 Unit 3, the unit has to be shutdown. This will be scheduled when there is an  
22 opportunity during the spring of 2014. The largest boiler feed pump motors are on  
23 Units 1 and 2. To blackstart those motors both units will have to be taken offline.  
24 This may not be possible until the summer of 2014. Therefore, full blackstart testing  
25 will not be complete until early summer 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> Hydro is taking steps to retain the March 12, 2014 commissioning date. However, a delay in obtaining the brief outage to Unit 1 may delay the commissioning beyond March 12, 2014.