

1 Q. Would the cost of the installation of a 230 kV bus tie breaker increase, in Hydro's
2 opinion, should the installation not occur at this time? If so, please provide a
3 detailed cost estimate resulting for such delayed installation and the reasons for
4 such increase?

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7 A. The direct increase in costs associated with delaying the bus tie breaker will be
8 primarily from escalation on this project's costs going forward. There is also the
9 increase in risk of a higher probability of not being able to take the 230 kV bus out
10 of service at Oxen Pond in the not too distant future for any extended duration
11 without having temporary generation on site. The costs for this temporary
12 generation will, of course, depend on the load on the station bus at the time, the
13 associated temporary fuel source, temporary transformation, interconnection of
14 cables and buswork; integration of the protection and controls systems, and any
15 civil costs for site preparation for the overall set up. Given this would be required to
16 operate with the boundaries of the Pippy Park, approval would be required from
17 the Pippy Park Commission.