

1 Q. (Hydro Reply Evidence dated August 7, 2015, Section 10, Black Start) Hydro states
2 (page 26, lines 3 to 10) that Liberty indicated there was a prolonged period during
3 which black start was unavailable. In Hydro's opinion, and based on NERC
4 requirements relating to black start, was Hydro ever without black start capability?

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7 A. NERC requires the development of restoration plans that include the designation of
8 blackstart generators. NERC does not require all generators to be locally blackstart
9 capable. Based on NERC requirements, there was not a prolonged period during
10 which black start was unavailable on the Avalon Peninsula. Hydro had an interim
11 restoration plan (based on the Hardwoods plant) in place to restart the Avalon
12 Peninsula and the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station that satisfied NERC
13 requirements. However, for a short period on January 11, 2013, this plan was not
14 operational due to the loss of the transmission lines connecting the Holyrood
15 Thermal Generating Station to the Hardwoods plant.

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17 The Hardwoods plant was also unavailable for certain periods due to planned and
18 unplanned maintenance and planned capital upgrades. Planned annual
19 maintenance and upgrades were scheduled outside of the winter period to
20 minimize the exposure to weather related events.