

1 Q. (Hydro Reply Evidence dated August 7, 2015, Appendix B) In the opinion of La Capra
2 Associates, Inc., was the diesel plant needed to meet requirements relating to black
3 start, and in particular, NERC requirements relating to black start?
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6 A. Please refer to the La Capra Associates Report, Appendix B to Hydro's Reply
7 Evidence, pages 11 to 13 for a detailed discussion on the issue of black start. It is
8 important to make the distinction between Holyrood on-site black start capability
9 and the ability to black start the electric grid. Quoting from the referenced report:
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11 Operational philosophies often can and do vary across jurisdictions, it
12 is the very reason that the North American Electric Reliability
13 Corporation ("NERC") requires the development of system
14 restoration plans, but leaves it to the respective regions to develop
15 their own restoration plan which includes the designation of which
16 units would be counted on for black start. What is not debatable is
17 that Hydro management consciously made the decision to tolerate
18 the risk associated with not having black start capability at Holyrood
19 on an interim basis until a permanent long term solution could be
20 implemented, thereby relying solely on the Hardwoods Gas Turbine
21 ("Hardwoods") to black start the Avalon Peninsula in the event it
22 became separated from the rest of the system.