

1 Q. Black Tickle Diesel Plant: Please provide all analyses performed of possible  
2 configurations other than the one chosen to address the consequences of the Black  
3 Tickle diesel plant fire.

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5 A. The possible options to address the consequences of the Black Tickle diesel plant  
6 fire were reviewed and discussed in a series of meetings by representatives from  
7 Project Execution and Technical Services (PETS), Transmission and Rural Operations  
8 (TRO) and System Planning. Options considered were:

- 9 a. Restore plant to pre-fire condition;
- 10 b. Use a temporary mobile plant for the 2012/2013 winter and restore plant to  
11 pre-fire condition with improvements;
- 12 c. Use a temporary mobile plant as an interim measure and build a new  
13 modern design plant at a new location with the same design as the St. Lewis  
14 plant, a comparable facility; or
- 15 d. Use a temporary mobile plant as an interim measure and build a new  
16 modern plant at a new location using a modular design approach.

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18 In May 2012, the scope of the above options were developed with an expectation  
19 to have a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued in June 2012 for a consultant to  
20 prepare estimates for each option and recommend the least-cost cost option to  
21 provide reliable service to Hydro's customers in Black Tickle. As a result of  
22 operational concerns regarding having to operate mobiles in Black Tickle (to  
23 facilitate all options except to restore plant to pre-fire condition), it was agreed to  
24 only pursue the option of restoring the plant to pre-fire condition and the RFP did  
25 not proceed. The primary concern was the heavy snowfall accumulation that  
26 occurs in Black Tickle and the fact that the mobile units operation can be impaired  
27 by heavy snow.