

1 Q. Please confirm that one of the reasons Hydro did not re-size the Black Tickle plant's
2 capacity as a result of the fish plant closing was because Hydro did not want to
3 preclude a potential future re-opening of the plant. If the answer is confirmed
4 describe the basis for this decision, provide Hydro's basis for believing a future re-
5 opening was possible, describe any knowledge Hydro has of such plants being
6 restarted in similar communities and summarize all discussions Hydro had on this
7 topic with fish plant management or other local people.

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10 A. The decision to re-build the Black Tickle plant to original installed capacity for the
11 upcoming winter was the least cost option.

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13 As well, restoration in kind of the existing plant had a scheduled in-service date of
14 November 2012. A new purpose built plant, designed specifically for a reduced load
15 would have had an in-service date of September 2013.

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17 The re-design would have necessitated mechanical and electrical auxiliaries making
18 a downsized plant an increased exposure for both schedule and cost. Hydro chose
19 the option that was least cost that restored reliable power to the customers and
20 community of Black Tickle for the upcoming Labrador winter.

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22 Keeping sufficient capacity in the diesel plant should the fish plant reopen was an
23 added benefit of choosing the already preferred alternative, which then did not
24 warrant further discussion with the fish plant management or other local people.