

1 Q. Was the transformer's failure caused by a product defect?

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4 A. The cause of the transformer gassing has not yet been determined. Initial diagnostic
5 testing by original equipment manufacturer (ABB) has revealed a concern inside the
6 transformer based upon their interpretation of the test results. At this time, ABB
7 suggest the problem is outside the winding and possibly involves a high voltage
8 lead. ABB have recommended an internal inspection and based upon the findings of
9 this inspection, the next steps will be determined. As part of the project estimate,
10 Hydro included a base amount for repairs to correct issues that could be causing
11 the gassing.

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13 As part of the project, Hydro will request a failure analysis to provide insight of why
14 the gassing developed.