

1 Q. Please confirm that Vale would be able to stop the work from going ahead if Vale
2 determined that it was not in its interest for the work to proceed.

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5 A. Hydro has and will continue to maintain its equipment at least cost consistent with
6 reliable service to the customers served by its assets, in this case, both Vale and
7 Praxair. In this regard, through this project, Hydro is using diligence in addressing
8 an identified risk to reliability at this station.

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10 Hydro has been working with Vale to keep them informed of the status of the
11 investigation into the transformer problem. Hydro is committed to continue to keep
12 Vale informed throughout the course of this project on work progress. If the
13 project scope changes or the costs increase beyond that currently outlined in this
14 project, Hydro will provide and discuss the change with Vale before proceeding.