

1 Q. **2015 Capital Projects Overview**

2 At Page 4 of the 2015 Capital Projects Overview, Hydro outlines that hydraulic plant
 3 expenditures represent 54.4 percent of the 2015 capital budget compared to an
 4 average of 36.2 percent over the last five years. Please explain the reason for the
 5 significant increase in hydraulic plant expenditures compared to the past five years.

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 8 A. Table 1 provides the historical generation expenditures from 2009 to 2015 Budget.

Table 1: Generation Expenditures							
	2009 Actuals	2010 Actuals	2011 Actuals	2012 Actuals	2013 Actuals	2014 Budget	2015 Budget
Hydraulic Plants	1,594	6,573	3,984	5,296	9,368	10,501	9,833
Thermal Plant	5,205	6,228	5,486	15,171	8,761	12,157	4,793
Gas Turbines	798	786	1806	619	1,649	4,124	3,140
Tools and Equipment	312	149	224			196	295
	7,909	13,736	11,500	21,086	19,778	26,978	18,061

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11 The 2015 Budget for hydraulic expenditures is comparable to hydraulic
 12 expenditures for 2013 and 2014 Budget. The percentages increase in 2015 Budget
 13 related to hydraulic is primarily a result of a decrease in thermal expenditures for
 14 2015.