

1    Q.    With respect to Exhibit 11 and the plant maintenance requirements, please  
2           describe the HVDC plant performance criteria that are incorporated into the design  
3           requirements.

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6    A.    While the specific HVdc plant performance criteria have not been defined in  
7           detailed design documents, NL Hydro System Planning has reviewed typical  
8           performance and operating performance criteria and are satisfied that current  
9           HVdc systems can comply with the required system reliability criteria. The  
10          preparation of the functional specification that will be issued to potential suppliers  
11          of the HVdc converter stations will be part of the detailed design phase of the  
12          project which will be performed by SNC Lavalin as part of the Engineering  
13          Procurement and Construction Management contract. The overall reliability of the  
14          HVdc system is documented in Exhibit 29, Revision 1 and the HVdc plant will be  
15          designed to support that reliability level.