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Q. Unit 1 Stack Breeching: Has Hydro prepared or obtained an analysis of the cost
impact of the absence of ice protection shelters over the 9 year study period for the
CBA?

A. No, Hydro has not prepared or obtained an analysis of the cost impact of the absence of ice protection shelters over the nine-year study period for the CBA. Ice protection shelters are only required if external insulation is installed on the breeching. The cost of ice protection shelters is in the order of 8% of the total proposed project cost. In the 1980s, as part of the earlier external insulation design, ice protection was not employed and damage was incurred as a result of falling ice. Recognizing that the cost of such repairs can easily exceed the cost of the ice protection, installing the ice protection shelters as part of the project is the prudent course of action.