

1 Q. In evaluating the options, particularly the procurement of one 100 MW unit versus
2 one 60 MW unit, has Hydro considered the total forecast O & M costs, including the
3 efficiency factor, over the life of the machines considered? If no, why not? If yes,
4 provide this evaluation.

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7 A. It is anticipated that the O&M costs for the machines that were considered would
8 be similar. With respect to the efficiency factor, the projected operating hours each
9 year is anticipated to be low as the new unit will be used primarily for peaking and
10 emergency generation and the differences in efficiency between units is not
11 significant. Therefore, the O&M costs were not a major consideration in the
12 procurement decision and an evaluation was not undertaken.