

1 Q. Given the age and condition of the gas turbine plants, the failure to start
2 rates, unavailability of technical support, lack of replacement parts, hording of
3 spare parts by other operators of similar plants, obsolescence of the engine
4 and relatively few similar engines in service, is it necessary to undertake a
5 condition assessment of the gas turbine units?
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8 A. This project will identify all options for these two sites, including an
9 assessment of how much longer it is feasible to continue to operate these
10 units at a reasonable level of reliability. This will permit Hydro to continue
11 operating the existing equipment as long as possible before making a large
12 capital investment in replacement generating capacity. This will allow least
13 cost generation expansion to meet planning criteria and provide reliable
14 service to customers.