

1 Q. Provide a detailed explanation of the operational plans followed prior to January 1,
2 2014 that Hydro implemented when a severe weather event was forecast or there
3 was a system problem affecting Hydro's ability to meet system load. In the
4 response identify the changes from routine operations with respect to the
5 deployment of workers, operation of units such as gas turbines, changes in
6 equipment operations and any other change implemented from routine operations.

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9 A. In the event that a severe weather event is forecasted or there is a system problem
10 that affects Hydro's ability to meet system load, Hydro's Energy Control Centre
11 (ECC) issues an advisory to field operations staff concerning the adverse weather or
12 potential generation shortfall and prepares for the event.

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14 For potential generation shortfall, Hydro ensures that staff is dispatched to certain
15 remote hydro plants and standby generation locations.

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17 In addition, in the case of a severe weather event, Hydro's response includes any or
18 all of the following activities, depending on the expected severity of the event:

- 19 • Pre-event coordination call to coordinate response activities;
20 • Enhanced staffing levels at ECC and other control rooms as needed;
21 • Deployment of work crews to reduce response time in the event of an
22 unplanned outage or equipment problems;
23 • Additional inspections of equipment and vehicles (four wheel drive trucks;
24 snowmobiles, ATVs and specialized vehicles) to ensure full functionality and full
25 gas tanks;
26 • Additional communication with on-call personnel to ensure readiness to
27 respond if needed;

- 1 • Scheduling of additional snow removal to ensure ongoing access to critical
- 2 infrastructure during storm events; and/or
- 3 • Test run of standby diesels and gas turbines.