

1 Q. Have the Muskrat Falls turbine generation units been tested and are these operational? Please  
2 provide updates and details in reference to each unit.

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5 A. The Muskrat Falls turbine generators are under various stages of completion. There are four  
6 units in the plant. All construction and commissioning work in the plant was suspended due to  
7 COVID-19. Throughout the month of June work was ramped up at the site with contractors  
8 returning but working under protocols established to protect the safety of workers and the local  
9 community from COVID-19.

10 The primary focus of the contractors is the resumption of testing of unit 1 in preparation of  
11 releasing the unit for operation. Unit 1 is presently in the middle of mechanical commissioning  
12 tests. Once those tests are completed successfully including any follow-up inspections, the unit  
13 will be connected to the power system and undergo on-line commissioning testing. Following  
14 successful completion of the online commissioning tests, the unit will be released for operation.  
15 This is anticipated to be in September 2020.

16 Commissioning is also underway on unit 2 but is not as advanced as unit 1. It has to undergo a  
17 number of commissioning tests prior to the first introduction of water to the unit. Following that  
18 it will begin its mechanical commissioning tests and then on-line testing. It is not expected to be  
19 released for operation until November 2020.

20 Completion of the assembly and construction of units 3 and 4 by the contractors will be  
21 occurring as possible within the COVID-19 protocols and without interfering with progress on  
22 units 1 and 2. Units 3 and 4 are not expected to be released for operation until 2021; evaluation  
23 of the forecast schedule is ongoing.