

1 Q. **Reference: Reference Schedule 1, page 4**

2 With respect to the operational restrictions on Units 5 and 6:

3 a) How long have those restrictions been in place?

4 b) Following the implementation of Option 3 for Penstock 3, would the removal of the
5 operational restrictions on Units 5 and 6 result in increased energy output or greater
6 peaking capacity from the Bay d’Espoir system?

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9 A. a) The operational restrictions on Units 5 and 6 at the Bay d’Espoir Hydroelectric Generating
10 Facility were implemented on December 1, 2025, imposing a minimum load of 50 MW on
11 each unit. This prevents operation at lower loads (known as the “rough zone”) that would
12 create additional stress on Penstock 3.

13 b) The restrictions implemented for Units 5 and 6 are designed to prohibit the units from
14 turning on and off to the extent possible. This minimizes passage through the unit’s rough
15 zone and, in turn, reduces strain on Penstock 3. The restrictions do not prevent the units
16 from reaching their full rated capacity, nor do they impact energy output. Therefore, there
17 will be no increase in energy output or peaking capacity as a result of removing these
18 operational restrictions once Penstock 3 is replaced. Removing the restrictions provides
19 greater operational flexibility by allowing transient operation of the units through their
20 capacity range, providing system operators with the necessary flexibility when operating the
21 system overall.