

1 Q. Reference: *Unit 3 Turbine Major Overhaul Bay d'Espoir Generating Station, March*
2 *3, 2017, Page 12, Table 2.*

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4 Why are readings not available for 2013 and 2015?

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7 A. In order to take primary seal clearance readings, draft tube gates are required to be
8 installed to provide safe isolation for workers. This installation requires an
9 additional two days of outage for each unit. In recent years, Hydro was not
10 installing these gates on an annual basis to take the readings, unless other work
11 required the gates, or other preventive maintenance work to take the readings was
12 scheduled. Installation of the gates was not needed in 2013 or 2015 for any
13 purpose.

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15 In early 2016, Hydro reviewed the primary seal clearance readings results and
16 adjusted plans to perform primary seal clearance readings on all units annually
17 through the preventative maintenance program.