Q. Holyrood Overview

At page 6, lines 4-5 of the "Holyrood Overview" section of the Application, in the Phase 3 description, it states that "There will be no power production from Holyrood after remaining excess fuel has been burnt". Has Hydro been able to determine, in light of the possible variability ("depending on the availability of offisland supply") in base load use of the Holyrood Plant up to at least the end of winter 2021 (and possibly, depending on Hydro's assessments as requested above, continuing into 2022 and onwards), when it will take delivery of "last fuel" at Holyrood for power production purposes (excluding the 100 MW gas turbine deliveries)? Based on Hydro's most recent information and assessments, for what period of time is Hydro planning to contract for continuing delivery of fuel at Holyrood for power production purposes (excluding the 100 MW gas turbine deliveries)? Is it possible to anticipate the point when "remaining excess fuel has been burnt" will be reached?

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The Holyrood plant has no projected level of base loading for 2022 and subsequent years. Holyrood would receive fuel deliveries throughout 2020 as necessary to be fully ready to run if called upon through the winter 2021 period ending March 31, 2021. Hydro's fuel contract for Holyrood currently expires in October 2020 and will be reviewed to determine if any extensions are required as that time approaches.

Remaining excess fuel will be burned off via generation after March 31, 2021, and is expected to be completed during 2021. The rate at which fuel will be burnt depends on a number of factors including weather, system load, hydrological conditions and operational limits. Because of this, it is not possible to accurately predict the point when "remaining excess fuel has been burnt" will be reached.