

1 Q. Please confirm the current maximum operating load of Unit 3.

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4 A. The current maximum operating load of Unit 3 is equal to its design maximum
5 continuous rating of 150 MW. However, as discussed in the responses to PUB-NLH-
6 001 and PUB-NLH-009, Hydro is analysing the possibility of improving reliability by
7 reducing the steam pressure in the tubes. Steam pressure reduction does result in a
8 reduced unit load. Completion of the analysis is ongoing and will be further
9 confirmed through the annual maintenance outage, but it is preliminarily calculated
10 that the normal maximum load will be reduced to 130 MW with provision to
11 increase to 140 MW on a short term basis to support critical system requirements.