

1 Q. Reference: Hydro's 2015 & 2016 Supply Cost Recovery Application Evidence,
2 October 11, 2017, Page 6. Hydro states:

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4 *"...the use of the Holyrood GT in 2015 was in support of spinning reserves and to*
5 *provide generation during the loss of a major generating unit, and also required to*
6 *reliably facilitate planned generation and transmission outages."*

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8 Has Hydro evaluated the costs and benefits of utilizing the Holyrood GT as non-
9 spinning reserve vs. spinning reserve? If so, please provide the evaluation. If not,
10 why not?

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13 A. Hydro has not evaluated the costs and benefits of utilizing the Holyrood Gas
14 Turbine (GT) as non-spinning reserve vs. spinning reserve. As indicated in Hydro's
15 response to NP-NLH-022, Hydro dispatches its generation (including standby
16 generation) in advance of the single worst contingency rather than starting them
17 after the contingency has occurred in order to minimize or avoid sustained
18 customer interruptions. To maintain the Holyrood GT in standby state (or non-
19 spinning) while the system is exposed to a contingency that could result in
20 sustained customer interruption is not aligned with best practice reliability
21 standards.