

1 Q. **Reference: Program 19 Overhaul Major Pumps (2025) – Holyrood, page 4.**

2 Hydro states that both Unit 3 north and south vacuum pumps underwent major overhaul and
3 were returned to service in the fall of 2021. However, performance issues persisted, including
4 high vibration, and the Unit 3 south vacuum pump was replaced in 2023. Is the Unit 3 north
5 vacuum pump also currently experiencing performance issues with elevated and continuous
6 vibration while in operation? If not, is the proposal to replace the Unit 3 north vacuum pump a
7 precautionary measure given Hydro’s experience with the Unit 3 south vacuum pump?

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10 A. Yes, the Unit 3 north vacuum pump is currently experiencing performance issues of elevated
11 and continuous vibration while in operation due to its age and deterioration.