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	I ago 47	1	you know 15 to 25 even 30 percent reserve
2	availability.	2	depending on their situation.
3	O. Right. So -	3	O. I understand that, but if you're targeting at
4	A, It's not just a name plate rating. It's the	4	2.8 LOLH, and nothing else changes other than
5	whole.	5	the addition of a couple of hundred megawatts
6	O. No, I understand that, but just at a matter of	6	of capacity, what does that do to the
7	principle level, without getting into the	7	percentage reserve that is implied by 2.8?
8	numbers, the fact of adding Granite Canal	8	A. The 2.8 percent reserve isI'm sorry, 2.8
9	would mean that your percentage of reserve	9	percent LOLH equates to about 16 percent
10	would go down if your LOLH stayed the same.	10	reserve. In 2004, with our load forecast and
11	correct?	11	the generation that's available. Our reserve
12	A. The actual reserve would actually go up. We	12	is actually just a little under 20 percent.
13	would have more reserve because we added	13	So as you build generation, you will increase
14	Granite Canal.	14	the reserve and then you will come down over
15	O. You would have more reserve, but your	15	time and then you'll presumably build new
16	requirement, your reserve requirement goes	16	generation and you go up, you get sort of a
17	down as you add capacity, doesn't it. as a	17	saw-tooth thing sort of thing as you build the
18	percentage of your total capacity?	18	system.
19	A. The reserve requirement doesn't change that	19	O. I don't think I'm getting an answer to the
20	much as you add in the short term, it's	20	specific question in the sense of, as a matter
21	basically, I mean, our requirement is 16	21	of principle, if you maintain a 2.8 LOLH and
22	percent and by adding the Granite and the	22	nothing else changes, except that you add
23	NUGS, we're basically right now at	23	capacity to your system, does the required
24	approximately-just a little less than 20	24	reserve percentage go up or down?
25	percent reserve. And typically systems are,	25	A. The required doesn't change, but what you
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1	actually would have would be actually a lower	1	think I clearly understand your question.
2	number. The required reserve doesn't change,	2	Q. Okay, just as a matter of mathematics, it
3	you know, it's 16 percent. I don't under -	3	seems to me that if a reserve of 160 megawatts
4	Q. Well if you have a thousand megawatts and at	4	is sufficient where you have 1000 megawatt
5	2.8 LOLH, your reserve is 16 percent; hence,	5	capacity, and nothing else changes, your
6	your reserve is 160 megawatts, correct?	6	reserve, 160 megawatts, should be the same if
7	A. Presumably, yes,	7	you add 1000 megawatts of capacity and hence,
8	Q. Yes, okay. So if you then up that to 2000, if	8	you're still at 2.8 LOLH, but your percentage
9	you reserve yourif your change your capacity	9	is now down to 8 percent? Can you explain to
10	to 2000, has your reserve requirement now gone	10	me what's wrong with that?
11	up to 320 megawatts?	11	A. I think we're not on the same wavelength at
12	A. Only if your peak forecast load changed. If	12	all, I apologize. But when we plan a system,
13	your peak forecast load goes up, then your	13	we plan for our loss of load hours of 2. 8
14	reserve requirement would go up, you know, all	14	hours. Obviously as you build generation that
15	else being equal.	15	you will have some impact on the actual LOLH
16	Q. Yes, but if nothing else changes, if your	16	that you would calculate for that situation.
17	requirements stay the same and nothing changes	17	If were today and let's assume this was 2004
18	other than that you add capacity?	18	and if you go to Table 8, we have a loss of
19	A. Then we would have overbuilt, the criteria was	19	load hours of 1.1 hours. If we were to, for
20	still 16 percent.	20	whatever reason, put in a new plant, even
21	Q. The criteria is 16 percent or is it 2.22.8	21	though the load did not change, there was no
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22	LOLH?	22	reason to do it, that calculation would
22 23	LOLH? A. No, well the criteria is 2.2, it equates to 16	22 23	reason to do it, that calculation would decrease, you know, and the amount of
22 23 24	LOLH? A. No, well the criteria is 2.2, it equates to 16 percent. It equates to 16 percent reserve and	22 23 24	reason to do it, that calculation would decrease, you know, and the amount of reduction would be dependant upon the type of

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