

1 Q. Please describe the specific steps Hydro is taking to advance the in-service date for
2 TL 267 and the likelihood that the one-year advancement can be achieved.

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5 A. Hydro has taken the following steps to advance the in-service date for TL267:

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7 1. Procurement of transmission tower structures, terminal station equipment, and
8 other transmission line materials has been undertaken to support the advanced
9 construction schedule.

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11 2. The transmission line construction contract tender call and evaluation were
12 performed in parallel with the Environmental Assessment review period so that
13 schedule savings could be achieved. The tender was opened on March 29, 2016
14 and closed on June 1, 2016, and bids are currently being evaluated. The
15 Environmental Assessment Release was granted on June 15, 2016.

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17 3. The transmission line construction contract tender requested the advanced
18 2017 in-service date. Six (6) bids were received as part of the tender call and all
19 bidders indicated that the 2017 in-service date was achievable.