

1 **Q. ENERGY SUPPLY**

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3 **PUB 32.0 (RE: B-14, Rattling Brook Refurbishment)**

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5 **PUB 32.2**

6 **Confirm that it is not NP's intention to replace the existing steel penstock.**

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8 A. There are three steel sections in the Rattling Brook penstock: an underground section
9 between the plant and the surge tank; an above ground section immediately upstream of
10 the surge tank; and a section between the intake and the wood portion of the penstock.
11 There is no plan to replace either the underground section or the section between the
12 intake and the wood portion of the penstock.

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14 However, the above ground section immediately upstream of the surge tank is being
15 considered for replacement, as the value of an increase in the efficiency of the plant that
16 may be obtained by replacing this section of penstock with one of larger diameter may
17 exceed the cost of replacement. This item will be evaluated as part of the detailed
18 assessment process to be carried out in 2005.