

1 Q. Re: Replaced Compressed Air Systems, Tab 18:

2 Did Hydro consult Doble Engineering or any other utility providers prior to using the
3 Synflex Hose?

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6 A. Hydro has no record of consultation with Doble Engineering or any other providers

7 prior to using Synflex hose on this 44 year old asset. However, Synflex hose is

8 commonly used in compressed air applications, but through consultation with ABB,

9 Hydro has learned that Synflex hose absorbs moisture and is subject to corrosion on

10 the fittings. As a result, Synflex is not recommended by ABB for air blast circuit

11 breaker compressed air systems, where a low dew point dry air is required for

12 correct operation.