

1 Q. For the budget item identified below, provide the following information:

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3	<i>Budget Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Description</i>
4	B-18	\$177,000	Purchase Track Machine – Cat Arm

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6 (a) Is it feasible to utilize the Stephenville machine for access to Cat Arm  
7 plant and to groom the trail as is required for deep snow? If not, why  
8 not?

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10 (b) Has Hydro considered relocating the Stephenville machine to a  
11 location in closer proximity to Cat Arm? If not, why not?

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14 A. (a) The Stephenville machine could be utilized to gain access to the Cat  
15 Arm plant only if it is not in use in the Western area. The purpose of  
16 the Stephenville machine is to provide emergency response for  
17 problems on the transmission lines feeding customers in the area.  
18 The additional use at Cat Arm would affect its availability during  
19 emergencies in the Western area and hence affect customer service.

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21 (b) In 2000, Hydro did consider the possibility of locating the machine at  
22 Jackson's Arm. However, it was decided not to relocate the machine,  
23 as during extreme storm conditions it would slow the response time to  
24 emergencies in the Western area and hence delay the restoration of  
25 service to the effected customers.