

1 Q. RE: p.B-50 Replace Corroded Transformers – Northern (\$276,000)

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3 34.1 Does the company have any information to indicate that the stainless  
4 steel tanks (*sic*) more resistant to the corrosion caused by salt  
5 contamination?

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8 A. 34.1 One of the specific design applications for stainless steel is for use in  
9 areas where high salt contamination is a problem. In these  
10 applications, stainless steel has proven to be significantly more  
11 resistant to corrosion. It is a common utility industry practice to use  
12 stainless steel in these applications.

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14 Hydro also began using stainless steel tanks for voltage regulators in  
15 the late 1980's. These have demonstrated significant improvement  
16 regarding resistance to corrosion from salt contamination.