

1 Q. **Re: p. B-109** Have the alternatives of rental or leasing of the proposed
2 equipment been considered by Hydro?

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5 A. There is no similarly equipped piece of off-road tracked equipment available
6 on the Island. Hydro has therefore not investigated rent/lease options. This
7 proposal is based on purchase price estimates. However, should Hydro
8 receive approval for this proposal, it intends to pursue all options (lease or
9 purchase) to ensure the project is completed at the lowest possible cost.