

1 Q. **RE: p. B-28** Has Hydro considered the alternative of contracting out, in  
2 whole or in part, the inspection and treatment program?

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5 A. Hydro did consider contracting out the inspection and treatment program.  
6 However, Hydro's transmission lines crews will provide a better quality  
7 inspection program because of their historic knowledge of these lines.  
8 Contractors may be used for component replacement depending on the  
9 workload of the Operations crews.