

1 **QUESTION:**

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3 Re: Page 28, lines 16 – 18, should the amortization period for DSM reflect the uniqueness of any  
4 given initiative with respect to the duration of the expected savings that may materialize?

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6 **RESPONSE:**

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8 In Messrs Bowman and McLaren's view, the amortization period should match the period over  
9 which the benefits of the investment are expected to flow to the utility and its customers. This  
10 may be difficult or cumbersome to quantify for each individual project, and therefore a standard  
11 amortization period may be necessary. For example, we understand that BC Hydro, Manitoba  
12 Hydro and Hydro Quebec use standardized amortization periods for DSM studies and other DSM  
13 investments.