

**In reference to Schedule “B”, page 61 of 82:**

**Q. Please provide any maintenance policies in place for vehicles. Is the maintenance contracted out and, if so, to what company and at what cost each year. Please provide the cost of maintenance.**

A. Attachment A outlines the maintenance requirements for Passenger Vehicles and Heavy Fleet Vehicles.

Newfoundland Power does not contract out its maintenance to any one company. Maintenance is completed by a number of companies throughout the Company’s service area.

Total vehicle maintenance cost for 2001 was \$1,952,000.

## **Maintenance Requirements For Passenger Vehicles**

Newfoundland Power has contracted with GE Capital Fleet Services to analyze requests and approve mechanical repairs and maintenance for Newfoundland Power's fleet of passenger vehicles. All maintenance and repairs are completed based on GE Capitals specifications for passenger vehicles. Service and/or repairs on cars, pick-ups and vans will not need approval if it is below \$50.00 (before taxes).

GE Capital charges a Maintenance Service Fee equal to 5 per cent of the maintenance charge.

## **Maintenance Requirements For Chassis & Aerial Devices (Heavy Fleet)**

### **Maintenance Inspection: Chassis**

A complete mechanical inspection of the vehicle including oil change and lubrication must be completed every 4 months or 10,000 km whichever occurs first. As well, all diesel-powered vehicles must have a coolant check. If the vehicle is equipped with an automatic transmission, the servicing must be done according to the manufacturers recommendations.

Each vehicle requires an Annual Motor Vehicle Inspection to be completed for licensing purposes.

### **Maintenance Inspection: Hydraulic Equipment**

To be completed every 4 months by a qualified mechanic/technician. Includes a visual inspection of Articulating and Telescoping booms. All rotation bearings must be checked with a dial indicator.

All aerial devices are to have a complete hose inspection. All chaffed or defected hoses should be replaced and/or protected from further wear by re-routing the hose or wrapping the hose with a protective covering. All hydraulic hose fittings in the undercarriage up to the rotation bearing should be lubricated to prevent corrosion.

### **Detailed Maintenance Inspection: Hydraulic Equipment**

To be completed every 16 months by a qualified mechanic/technician. Includes a full mechanical inspection of the articulating aerial devices, telescoping aerial devices and derricks. This inspection is completed in conjunction with recommended manufacturers servicing as outlined in the manufacturers' equipment maintenance manual.

All articulated aerial devices are to have levelling cables changed every 5 years.