

1 **Q. At page 2 Newfoundland Power states:**

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3 **“Generally, vehicles are replaced at a lower age in Atlantic Canada than in Western**
4 **Canada. This likely reflects differences in utility operating regions. Atlantic**
5 **Canada is well known for the relatively high exposure to salty environmental**
6 **conditions which accelerate corrosion.”**

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8 **Does Newfoundland Power have any vehicle manufacturer recommendations or**
9 **data to support the need to retire vehicles earlier in Atlantic Canada than in Central**
10 **or Western Canada?**

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12 **A.** Newfoundland Power does not have any vehicle manufacturer recommendations or data
13 to support the need to retire vehicles earlier in Atlantic Canada than in Central or Western
14 Canada.

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16 Discussions with manufacturer representatives indicate that climate and road conditions
17 contribute to additional wear and tear on vehicles in Atlantic Canada. This is consistent
18 with Newfoundland Power’s experience that vehicles do not get replaced due to
19 deterioration associated with excessive corrosion. However, over time, corrosion
20 resulting from the exposure to salty environmental conditions contributes to maintenance
21 costs associated with replacing components such as the braking system on vehicles.