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1 Q. **Project C-80: Replace Power Transformers, Oxen Pond**

2 With reference to page C-80, Project Justification, Hydro states:

3 “There is an immediate need to replace Oxen Pond GT1 as it has failed and station  
4 service is currently being provided by a Newfoundland Power feeder with a  
5 temporary diesel generation as backup”

6 With reference to page A4, Hydro has assessed this project with a priority rank of  
7 33. Please provide further explanation of why this project is assigned a low priority  
8 ranking if there is an “immediate need” as suggested for replacement?

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11 A. Hydro assesses all projects through a prioritization algorithm. The Oxen Pond GT1  
12 transformer replacement project was also processed through this algorithm, and  
13 received a priority rank of 33, based upon multiple areas of consideration, of which  
14 one area is reliability. Although this project has a lower priority ranking than some  
15 other projects, there is an overriding factor due to the fact that the transformer  
16 replacement project was a direct replacement of the existing failed transformer,  
17 and therefore this factor overrides the prioritization algorithm results.