

1 Q. **Reference: Volume I, Five Year Capital Plan 2022-2026, Appendix A, page A-10.**

2 The five-year capital plan for Tools and Equipment identifies 16 capital projects totalling over
3 \$8.5 million to purchase and replace track equipment, backhoes, graders, excavators, front end
4 loaders and various light duty mobile equipment. Will Hydro consider the alternative of renting
5 any of this equipment as a reasonable alternative prior to inclusion in future capital budget
6 applications? If not, why not?

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9 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) will consider the alternative of renting versus
10 purchasing prior to putting forward future mobile equipment budget proposals. To be
11 considered a viable alternative, equipment that meets Hydro’s specifications must be readily
12 available in the rental market. It then must be determined to be the least-cost solution over the
13 life of the equipment.