

1 Q. **Reference: Volume II, 2023 Capital Budget Application, Program 14, Upgrade of Worst-**  
2 **Performing Distribution Feeders (2023–2024), page 6, lines 7 to 10.**

3 Has Hydro considered installing remotely monitored and controlled down line reclosers instead  
4 of gang operated switches to reduce outage time? If not, why not?

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7 A. Three remote controlled protective devices are already installed at Farewell Head (FH1-CB1) and  
8 Change Islands (FH1-R1/R2). The replacement of the two gang operated switches proposed  
9 within this program with remotely controlled reclosers was not required as there were no  
10 customers between the switch locations and the existing devices that could benefit from  
11 additional automatic sectionalizing; thus, the extra cost could not be justified.