

1 **Re Replace Vehicles and Aerial Devices, page B-31:**

2 Q. Why is Hydro proposing to replace units V1284, V1285, V1287 and V2174
3 when they are only marginally over the replacement criteria and have had
4 minimal maintenance costs?

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7 A. The plan to replace V1284, V1285 and V1287 and V 2174 is based on the
8 vehicles exceeding Hydro's approved replacement criteria of 150,000 km or
9 five to seven years for light vehicles, at time of retirement. V1284, V1285,
10 and V1287 are estimated to have in excess of 200,000 km; and V2174 in
11 excess of 185,000 km, at time of retirement. Hydro does not feel that this is
12 marginally beyond the replacement criteria. Operating experience has
13 shown that beyond the replacement criteria, vehicle reliability and employee
14 safety is compromised, while maintenance costs are often excessive.