

1 **Re: Replace Explosives Storage Magazines**

2 Q. Explain why Hydro's requirements for explosives cannot be met by utilizing a
3 commercial operator rather than holding explosives in its own possession.

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6 A. It is imperative that Hydro possess its own supply of explosives for
7 emergency work. Given the remote location of numerous distribution
8 systems, where commercial operators are not available and the strategic
9 locations of explosive storage magazines and line crews, Hydro is equipped
10 to respond to an emergency outage situation in a timely manner that is
11 acceptable to the customer.