

1 Q. Re: 2013 Capital Projects Over 50,000 but less than 200,000: p. E-2 Install
2 Automated Fuel Monitoring System (Upper Salmon):
3 What is the anticipated life remaining of the existing 10 position console?
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6 A. This answer assumes the question indicated above is not related to p. E-2 Install
7 Automated Fuel Monitoring System (Upper Salmon), but rather to p. E-73 Purchase
8 10 Position Meter Calibration Test Console – Hydro Place. Although this console is
9 presently working it has reached the end of its useful life. This 25 year old console
10 is no longer reliable and when problems occur it can be out of service for indefinite
11 periods of time. The manufacturer is no longer in business, and maintenance
12 support and replacement parts are not readily available. In 2011, the console was
13 out of service for two months until the source of the problems was identified and
14 replacement parts were custom made out of province. For these reasons, other
15 Canadian electric utilities operating Measurement Canada accredited meter testing
16 facilities have discontinued using this type of console and have sought
17 replacements for it. Hydro operates the only Measurement Canada accredited
18 meter testing facility in Newfoundland and Labrador and relies on this console for
19 its revenue meter testing services.