

1 Q. **Projects over \$50,000 but Less Than \$200,000**

2 Tab 8 Replace ABB Exciter Unit 2- Cat Arm:

3 How long has it been in the obsolete phase?

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6 A. ABB is not able to provide the exact date when the BBC Type A 16030 exciter
7 entered the Obsolete Phase. ABB made the following statement in a letter dated
8 02/10/2014:

9 "ABB offers support of the Excitation Systems during the Life
10 Cycle of the product which is approximately 25 years. The
11 BBC units were manufactured in the late seventies early
12 eighties and have been in the Obsolete for many years."

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14 This was again confirmed by ABB in an email dated 09/11/2014 which says "The
15 reason we do not have the exact date that the BBC Exciter entered the Obsolete
16 Phase is because these systems were first manufactured in the late seventies and
17 our ABB division in Switzerland do not have the exact date they became obsolete."