

1 Q. **Tab D – Projects over \$200,000 and Less Than \$500,000: p. D-292 – Replace**
2 **Human Machine Interface**

3 Please outline the “minor loss of control and inaccurate alarming on new
4 installations” for the existing HMI referred to by Hydro at p. D-293, including when
5 the issues occurred and how the issues were rectified.
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8 A. An example of this “minor loss of control and inaccurate alarming on new
9 installations” occurred during the Arc Flash Remediation project at the Port Hope
10 Simpson site in 2014. The Arc Flash Remediation project is in place to reduce,
11 whenever possible, arc flash ratings to Arc Flash HRC 2 or lower, in compliance with
12 the Canadian Standards Association Z462-08 standard. The Port Hope Simpson site
13 has a HMI system which is obsolete.
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15 During the project, a new relay was installed which added such features as under
16 and over voltage tripping and under frequency alarms. Due to the level of
17 obsolescence of the HMI, the project team was unable to add these new alarms to
18 the screens and in the program. This issue was rectified by tying the signal for these
19 alarms into an existing alarm for overcurrent and by notifying the operators that
20 the HMI screen was no longer accurate and that the overcurrent alarm could mean
21 several different alarms (hence the inaccurate alarming situation). As well, this
22 situation described above will be similar for any project, such as Arc Flash
23 Remediation, that requires interfacing to obsolete HMI systems. As a result, this
24 problem is not unique to Port Hope Simpson.