

1 Q. **Tab D – Projects Over \$200,000 and Less Than \$500,000: p. D-353 – Replace Light**
2 **Duty Mobile Equipment**

3 Does Hydro have any information regarding the replacement criteria of other
4 utilities in Atlantic Canada and throughout Canada for snowmobile and all-terrain
5 vehicles used by “Transmission Line crews”? Does Hydro have any information
6 regarding the replacement criteria of other utilities in Atlantic Canada and
7 throughout Canada for snowmobile and all-terrain vehicles for “others”?
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10 A. Yes, Hydro has obtained information on a similar Atlantic Utility that replaces their
11 all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on a five year cycle for transmission line use
12 and most other applications. They have the same operating conditions as Hydro,
13 where their equipment is mainly used on transmission lines and construction sites,
14 not groomed trails.
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16 Yes, Hydro has obtained information on another Atlantic utility that replaces their
17 equipment on a ten year cycle depending on condition for non-transmission use.
18 This utility uses their equipment mainly for distribution line maintenance and other
19 use, which is much less severe than transmission line and construction use.
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21 Hydro notes that the age and kilometer criteria for replacement is when a vehicle is
22 *considered* for replacement. At age or mileage criteria, Hydro will evaluate the
23 other criteria, as well as condition and maintenance cost. For example, Hydro will
24 not replace a light duty vehicle with low mileage and low maintenance costs simply
25 because the age criteria has been met. Considering the light duty vehicles
26 proposed to be replaced in this project, the average age of ATV/snowmobile is
27 about 6.5 years, as well, there is an ATV that is planned for replacement at age 9.1

- 1 years, and criteria for age to be considered for replacement ranges from three to
- 2 seven years.