
1 Q. **Volume III, Tab 30 – Replace Vehicles and Aerial Devices**

2 Please provide details as to the specific criteria Hydro uses when reviewing a vehicle
3 that has reached either the years or kilometer threshold for assessment.

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6 A. When Hydro reviews the replacement plan for vehicles, age, kilometers, and
7 condition/maintenance costs are considered as well as what application the
8 vehicles are used for. The triggers for when a vehicle is considered for replacement
9 are noted in “Table 1: Replacement Criteria – Hydro” (page 2, Volume III, Tab 30).
10 Each vehicle is then considered specifically against the criteria and evaluated for
11 additional factors in its replacement. Some examples of the replacement
12 consideration once the vehicle has met some of the criteria;

- 13 a. If there is a unit that has high mileage due to frequent highway travel of
14 more than 30,000 kilometers a year, Hydro will try to relocate it to a
15 department that does not accumulate a high number of kilometers, such as
16 a diesel plant. If the unit cannot be relocated, the unit will be placed on the
17 plan for replacement at the appropriate time.
- 18 b. If there are units that have low kilometers because of the application, Hydro
19 will typically keep these vehicles for ten or more years depending on the
20 mechanical condition and maintenance costs. If it is found that the vehicle
21 is unreliable or has high maintenance costs (often greater than \$10,000),
22 Hydro will place the unit on the plan for replacement.