
1 Q. **Volume III, Tab 39 – Vehicles and Aerial Devices Fleet Additions**

2 Please provide the current response time for the Protection and Control technicians
3 and Terminal station electricians. What improvement does Hydro foresee with
4 additional vehicles?

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7 A. Current response time estimate for Protection and Control technicians and
8 Terminal station electricians can range from 30 minutes to 4 hours depending on
9 time of day, location of the terminal station or equipment, weather conditions,
10 vehicle availability, and the time of year (winter or summer).

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12 With additional vehicles, response times can be improved by having more vehicles
13 available at the time of need, and if Hydro purchases 4x4 vehicles, response time in
14 inclement weather can be improved upon and be safer for the employees. The
15 improvement in response time would vary for each situation as many variables
16 affect the response time for each call out. With the additional vehicles proposed,
17 the wait time for available vehicles will be eliminated or reduced, thus improving
18 the overall response time and gaining efficiencies. The added vehicles will also
19 permit more crews to work at different stations simultaneously, co-ordinating
20 outages and other maintenance.