

1 Q. **Re Construct Transmission Line Equipment Off-Loading Areas (B-63)**

2 This is a \$791,000 project. Would it not be possible to defer the planned 2011
3 project for a year bearing in mind that Hydro relies upon alternate safety
4 mechanisms when it carries out work from the generally much busier Trans Canada
5 Highway.

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8 A. In keeping with the plan to reduce or eliminate the hazards associated with the
9 loading and unloading of transmission line equipment, it is imperative to move
10 ahead with the timely construction of the off-loading areas. Delay only continues
11 the risk to the public, workers and equipment that may be exposed to the risks
12 associated with this operation, regardless of temporary alternate mechanisms used
13 elsewhere. Additionally, the alternate safety mechanisms employed on the Trans
14 Canada Highway take advantage of much wider paved shoulders, often on multi-
15 laned areas with much longer sight distances.