

1 **Q. Project C-136, Upgrade Transmission Line Access Trails:**

2 With reference to "Maintenance History" on page C-139, when were Hydro ground
3 maintenance crews phased out? Did the operational maintenance program for
4 access trails change after Hydro ground maintenance crews were phased out?

5 Provide a complete copy of the policies and guidelines applicable to access trail
6 maintenance for the period when that work was still performed by Hydro ground
7 maintenance crews.

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10 **A.** The ground maintenance crews were phased out in the year 2001. Due to operating
11 budget constraints there was no maintenance carried out on the access trails until
12 2008, when an operating maintenance project was approved and trails were
13 repaired by a Contractor on sections of transmission lines TL-212, TL-219 and TL-
14 253. This work involved clearing vegetation, repairing washouts, potholes and ruts
15 which is the same type of work that ground maintenance crews performed prior to
16 2001.

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18 There were no policies and/or guidelines applicable to access trail maintenance
19 when Hydro had ground maintenance crews. Ground maintenance worker duties
20 included the removal of brush from the access trails / right of ways, removal of
21 boulders, stumps and general trail maintenance where required i.e.: rerouting
22 around problem areas, corduroying bogs, draining wet areas, and ditching.