

1 Q. **C-113, Replace Insulators, \$411,600**

2 Since Hydro has stated that it intends to have its insulator replacement plan
3 completed by 2013, what plan does Hydro have in place to deal with the labour
4 requirements and the outage requirements over the 2012 – 2013 period?

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7 A. Since 2006, Hydro's annual work plan has included utilizing internal resources to
8 complete the necessary insulator replacements. The same approach will be used
9 over the 2012-2013 period. During this period, the work has been balanced as much
10 as possible to help ensure resources and outages will be available. Contracting this
11 work is an option but due to the complex nature of system outages and possible
12 safety issues, there is a requirement for significant coordination among Short Term
13 Planning and Scheduling, Operations and Work Execution staff and Hydro's Energy
14 Control Centre. Even then, system conditions may change and outages may be
15 cancelled and work crews directed to other work. If a contractor was utilized there
16 could be extra cost incurred for delays that could impact the cost of the project.