

1    Q.    **B-45, Upgrade Circuit Breakers, Various Sites, 1,677,000**

2            In making a determination that “Many utilities in North America are in a similar  
3            position...” what utilities were surveyed by Hydro, and what solutions have been  
4            implemented by these utilities?

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7    A.    In making the determination that “Many utilities in North America are in similar  
8            position ...” Hydro has gained knowledge of other utility practices through  
9            conferences, inter utility discussions, and other research. From these sources  
10           Hydro has learned that Hydro Quebec, Manitoba Hydro and Hydro One (Ontario)  
11           have completed and are continuing to complete overhauls on their Air Blast Circuit  
12           Breakers and have also begun strategic replacement plans for Air Blast, SF<sub>6</sub> and Oil  
13           Circuit Breakers. Others such as Altalink (Alberta) and Bonneville Power  
14           Administration (US) have also implemented breaker replacement plans.