

1 Q. **B-49, Upgrade Power Transformers \$1,246,000**

2 Is Hydro seeking approval of this project as a multi-year project as Table 9 on p. 27
3 of the Report in Volume II, Tab 17 sets out the five year work plan to upgrade
4 Power Transformers? If not, why not?

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7 A. Hydro is only seeking approval for one year of the five-year plan. Power
8 transformer upgrading is expected to be an ongoing project that has variables that
9 can change depending upon the condition assessment of the asset. As a result,
10 Hydro is treating this as an annual program as opposed to a multi-year project. A
11 program approach will provide Hydro with more flexibility to make changes in a
12 current or future year when new condition assessment data becomes available. For
13 example, each year oil samples are taken from power transformers and this
14 information is used to create a ranking for the next year for oil reclamation. When
15 you get closer to the execution year, new data may become available and the
16 priority for oil reclamation may change but the number of transformers reclaimed
17 in a given year will generally not change.