

1 Q. **B-53, Automated Meter Reading, \$380,000**

2 In Volume I, Tab E of the Application, Hydro reports, on p. E-22, that the
3 implementation of AMR in the service area of Port au Choix has been cancelled as
4 the meter reader position did not become vacant, as had been originally forecast.
5 Please provide an evaluation of this change in plan, given the original evaluation of
6 the project.

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9 A. In its implementation of AMR, Hydro plans deployment in service areas where the
10 meter reader position has or is expected in the near term to become vacant. The
11 proposal for implementation of AMR in the service area of Port au Choix was based
12 on the expectation that the meter reader would transfer to a new position. This
13 transfer did not happen and as a result the project was cancelled. For the
14 deployment of AMR in the Port au Choix service area, the cumulative present worth
15 analysis showed a positive net present value starting in 2017 (six years after
16 deployment) and total savings of \$169,767 by 2025. These savings will not be
17 realized. The decision to cancel deployment of AMR in the service area of Port au
18 Choix has no impact on the cost benefit analysis provided for the deployment of
19 AMR in the Labrador City service area.