

1 Q. **System Reliability**

2 Does Hydro plan, in the future, to install distribution automation (DA) equipment
3 and installing AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) metering which can
4 communicate with the Outage Management System?

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7 A. Please refer to Hydro's responses to PUB-NLH-195, PUB-NLH-196, and PUB-NLH-404
8 for a description of Hydro's present outage management system and restoration
9 process. The system and process described informs that Hydro does not have an
10 automated Outage Management System (OMS) and to date, has not examined such
11 systems. Given Hydro's present manual process, Hydro does not have any
12 immediate plans to integrate distribution automation or AMI into existing outage
13 communications systems. However, Hydro does see merit in such systems that may
14 be included in future assessments of distribution automation.