

1 Q. **Asset Management**

2 Explain Hydro's reasons and justifications for deferring the 6-year maintenance for
3 some Air Blast Circuit Breakers (ABCBs) and some large power transformers
4 between 2010 and 2014. Did Hydro select which breakers and transformers it
5 deferred based on low criticality or on condition assessments, or both?

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8 A. Hydro deferred some six-year maintenance on ABCBs and power transformers in
9 order to ensure resources were deployed on the most critical work for customer
10 supply. In particular, Hydro deferred this maintenance either where it was
11 necessary to address un-planned corrective maintenance work due to (a)
12 equipment breakdown or issues identified from equipment testing and inspections
13 or (b) addressing unplanned capital work (arising from equipment failure or a
14 requirement for greater resourcing than originally anticipated for a capital project).

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16 The specific equipment deferred was not selected based upon criticality, as Hydro
17 did not complete its criticality ranking of Transformers and Circuit Breakers until
18 2014. However, condition was a consideration in that if there was a known issue
19 with a given breaker or transformer, it was not deferred.