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1 Q. **Project C-89: Replace Vehicles and Aerial Devices, Various Sites**

2 How does Hydro justify the difference in replacement criteria between Hydro and  
3 other utilities as set out in Tables 1 and 2 at page C89?

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6 A. A Hydro vehicle is considered for replacement once its age or mileage exceeds the  
7 quantities shown in Table 1. For those vehicles, Hydro reviews factors regarding the  
8 vehicle's maintenance and operating history plus its existing condition to determine  
9 if replacement is warranted. Hydro does use lower age and mileage quantities than  
10 the utilities shown in Table 2 but only to initiate the review described. If the  
11 replacement is not warranted, the vehicle remains in service until a future review  
12 justifies its replacement. Occasionally, a replacement for a vehicle, which has not  
13 passed the age or mileage criteria, will be proposed after a review of the vehicle's  
14 maintenance and operating history plus its existing condition. The combination of  
15 these factors determines if replacement is warranted in order to maintain safe,  
16 efficient and reliable vehicles. Hydro's vehicle replacements are not solely based  
17 upon age and mileage.