

1 Q. **Tab 36; Volume II: Replace MDR 6000 Microwave Radio**

2 (a) Was Hydro aware in 2001 when it installed the MDR 6000 microwave radio  
3 equipment that it would be discontinued in 2002?

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5 (b) Did Hydro attempt to receive any compensation from Alcatel when Alcatel  
6 announced that the MDR 6000 microwave radio equipment that Hydro had  
7 installed the previous year would be discontinued by the manufacturer in  
8 2002? If yes, how successful was Hydro in doing so? If no, why was no  
9 attempt at reimbursement made?

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12 A. (a) Hydro was aware of the planned discontinuation when the selection of the  
13 MDR 6000 microwave radios was made in 2000. This decision was based on  
14 this technology meeting all specifications for the application, the lack of an  
15 equivalent product on the market, compatibility to existing installations,  
16 reduction in training costs, the overall system wide spares requirements,  
17 and a ten year guarantee for supply, repair, and technical support.  
18 Additional spares were also procured to maintain the system beyond the ten  
19 year agreement.

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21 (b) As this was a conscious decision for the above noted reasons, Hydro did not  
22 attempt to receive any compensation from Alcatel. This was not necessary  
23 as a ten year guarantee was provided.