

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 6, Program 15 Replace Disconnects (2024-2025), Page 4, line 2**

2 Please explain why Hydro does not record disconnect switch outage statistics and whether this  
3 is consistent with industry practice?

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6 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) follows the reporting guidelines outlined in  
7 Electricity Canada’s “Transmission Component Forced Outages Equipment Reliability  
8 Information System” manual, which is also adhered to by other Canadian utilities. In line with  
9 these guidelines, disconnect switches are not categorized as major components of transmission  
10 equipment. Following industry norms and the guidance outlined in the manual, this practice  
11 maintains consistency by excluding disconnect switches from the recorded statistics of forced  
12 outages.