

1 Q. **Reference: Program 14: Replace Disconnects (2027–2029), page 2**

2 What is industry practice with respect to the replacement of disconnect switches?

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5 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) has not completed a formal scan and is not aware
6 of documented industry practice regarding the replacement of disconnect switches. However,
7 Hydro’s approach to disconnect asset management, particularly as it relates to obsolescence
8 and condition, is consistent with industry practice, as age alone is not typically used as the sole
9 driver for asset replacement. Retaining aging disconnects in service is generally considered
10 appropriate when conditions and performance remain acceptable, as asset age alone is not
11 typically used as the sole criterion for replacement.