

1 **Q. (Reference Application Schedule B, Replace Vehicles and Aerial Devices 2022 – 2023,**
2 **page 72 of 99) It is stated “For passenger vehicles, the guideline is 5 years of age or**
3 **150,000 kilometres.” What percentage of Newfoundland Power vehicles that are 5**
4 **years of age have 150,000 kilometres on them?**

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6 A. The *Replace Vehicles and Aerial Devices 2022-2023* project filed in Newfoundland
7 Power’s *2022 Capital Budget Application* proposes capital expenditures associated with
8 replacing vehicles and aerial devices in 2022 and 2023. The guideline for evaluating the
9 replacement of passenger vehicles is 5 years of age or 150,000 km. Passenger vehicles
10 reaching this threshold are evaluated on a number of criteria, such as overall condition,
11 maintenance history and immediate repair requirements. This determines whether a
12 vehicle has reached the end of its useful service lives.

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14 In 2022, Newfoundland Power estimates that its passenger vehicle fleet will include 29
15 vehicles that will be 5 years old.¹ These vehicles were purchased in 2017. A check of
16 the odometer readings for these 29 vehicles in July 2021 identified that 8, or 28%, have
17 already exceeded 150,000 km.²

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19 To estimate the percentage of passenger vehicles that will have more than 150,000 km in
20 2022, the Company identified 11 vehicles or 38% that have already exceeded
21 120,000 km.³ These vehicles are all anticipated to reach the vehicle replacement criteria
22 for age in 2022 and will be evaluated to determine if they have reached the end of their
23 useful service lives and require replacement.

¹ This does not include 24 other passenger vehicles that will be between 6 and 9 years old. Of these 24 passenger vehicles, 22 have already exceeded 150,000 km.

² The odometer readings for these 8 vehicles range from 150,000 km to 250,000 km.

³ The Company selected 120,000 km as these vehicles were already averaging more than 30,000 km per year and it is reasonable to assume they will travel another 30,000 km in the next year.