

1 Q. **Reference: Volume I, 2020 Capital Projects Over \$200,000 and less than \$500,000, Install**
2 **Recloser Remote Control (2020-2021) – Hampden and Upper Salmon, pages D-31 to D32,**
3 **Table A-7**

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5 Reclosers on the same distribution system and location have different priorities and appear to
6 be proposed for completion in different years. Has Hydro considered whether completing all
7 reclosers on the same distribution system or location in the same year would be least cost?

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10 A. The distribution system and location are taken into consideration during planning, prioritization,
11 and installation in order to provide least-cost service. Reclosers that are considered low priority
12 may never reach the level of justification for replacement; therefore, replacement of higher
13 priority reclosers do not necessarily trigger the replacement of low priority reclosers or make
14 completion of all recloser replacements on the same distribution system or location the least-
15 cost option. In the current Recloser Remote Control Program, Hydro has committed to only
16 automating the 10 highest priority reclosers. For least-cost reasons, RH2-R1 and RH1-R1 will be
17 installed in the same program year (2019–2020) even though they have different priority
18 rankings.