Q. Reference: Volume II - Tab 25 - Replace Light-Duty Mobile Equipment

Table A-1 on page A-1 indicates a number of light duty mobile equipment with an "Age to Retire" in excess of ten years (e.g., Snowmobile V7165,09 Yamaha VK540 W.T has an age-to-retire of 13 years) yet the maximum age replacement criteria for light-duty mobile equipment, as outlined in Table 1 on page 1, is ten years. Please reconcile the two tables.

A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") replacement criteria (provided in Table 1¹ of the referenced project) is used to guide the timing of its proposed replacements. However, Hydro also takes into consideration the physical condition of the equipment and the operating conditions it is exposed to prior to proposing replacement. In some circumstances, it may be the case that Hydro extends the asset beyond the typical timeframe identified in Table 1 (e.g., in the case of all-terrain vehicles—five to ten years) if it is deemed to be in safe and reliable operating condition and if its continued use is determined to be least cost. Similarly, there may also be circumstances whereby the condition and operating requirements of an asset warrants its replacement prior to the ranges identified in Table 1.

¹ "2022 Capital Budget Application," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, rev. September 17, 2021 (originally filed August 2, 2021), vol. II, sch. 8, tab 25, at p. 1.