

1 Q. **Reference: Program 16 Purchase Tools and Equipment (2025), page 5.**

2 Hydro states that the main milestone for this program is to have the identified tools and
3 equipment on-site as required and before the end of 2025. Given supply chain challenges and
4 long lead time for ordering and delivery of certain items, does Hydro believe this timeframe is
5 realistic?

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8 A. The Purchase Tools and Equipment Program requires specific apparatuses and hardware for
9 various operating groups to complete critical system work. These include safety rails, gas
10 monitors, drones, and hand tools. In Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") experience,
11 tools and equipment of this nature are readily available for purchase. As such, Hydro is
12 confident that the proposed timeframe to have the items onsite as required before the end of
13 2025 is realistic and achievable.