

1 Q. Ref: Schedule B, Replace VHF Mobile Radio System, p. B-71. Did Hydro
2 explore the alternative of utilizing the VHF system operated by the
3 RCMP/RNC (see *Business Case, Technical Report, Appendix C, Section 1,*
4 p. 2)?

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7 A. Hydro did explore the alternative of utilizing the VHF system operated by the
8 RCMP/RNC. It is estimated that for Hydro to utilize the RCMP/RNC system
9 would cost between \$20 million and \$25 million. The primary reason for the
10 magnitude of the costs is that the RCMP/RNC system is built to Public Safety
11 Standards and as such is more complex than a Public Service System that
12 would be required by Hydro.