

1 Q. **RE: p. B-109** Provide details of frequency of usage of the equipment
2 proposed to be replaced, including engine hours.

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5 A. The total running hours after 31 years service was approximately 4000
6 hours. The equipment is used on a regular basis for maintenance as
7 required. In addition it will be used for emergency response in major forced
8 outage situations where the work area is inaccessible by other equipment.
9 the majority of Hydro's transmission towers are in excess of 60 feet in height,
10 which is beyond the reach of the existing equipment. The new equipment
11 will enable lineworkers to reach faulted equipment in situations where safe
12 climbing is impossible.