

1 **Distribution**

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3 **Q. Did the manufacturer of the high voltage oil-filled switch ever “guarantee” that the**  
4 **switch had load break capability (B-57, Switch replacement and Upgrade**  
5 **Underground Distribution)?**

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7 A. The Company had no records whereby the manufacturer of the high voltage switch  
8 provided a guarantee that the switch had load break capability; however, when the  
9 switches were new (1960s – 1980s) they were used as a load-breaking device. During  
10 discussions with the manufacturer in the late 1990s, it was stated that they could not  
11 guarantee that the switches had load break capability and recommended that the switches  
12 be replaced with spring-assisted oil switches.