

1 **Q. TRANSPORTATION**

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3 **PUB 21.0 (RE: p. 57 & 58 of 73) Purchase Vehicles and Aerial Devices (\$2,642,000)**

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5 **PUB 21.4**

6 **Of the heavy fleet vehicles being replaced, there is one 1994 vehicle with 63,000 km.**
7 **on the odometer as of April 30, 2004. Please describe the condition of this vehicle.**

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9 A. The 1994 heavy fleet vehicle in question is a Grumman P30 van that is used extensively
10 on larger substation projects. Due to the nature of these projects, the vehicle is not driven
11 for extended periods. Consequently, the mileage is relatively low. While the body of the
12 vehicle shows little evidence of deterioration, this vehicle has experienced ongoing
13 mechanical problems with the motor, transmission, cooling, and ignition systems,
14 resulting in increased maintenance costs and loss of productivity as a result of downtime
15 for repairs. In addition, drivers and passengers experience excessive road noise due to
16 problems with the door seals.