Q. Re: Upgrade Circuit Breakers Volume II (Tab 15)
If the theory is that overhauling the air blast breakers will extend the life of the unit for approximately 15 years, which will allow a useful life for the breaker to Hydro for a period of 50 to 55 years, and Hydro's plan is to replace the air blast breakers with the age of same being between 50 to 55 years (3.8 of the recommendations, page 11), why at Appendix A and specifically page A2 are the majority of replacements for the said breakers below 50 years and none above the age of 50?

A. The breakers outlined on page A2 for replacement prior to the age of 50 years are either being replaced for breaker condition reasons or to help balance financial, human resources and impacts to the power system in any given year. Breaker L03L06 at Sunnyside Terminal Station is being replaced due to poor air receiver condition. A strategic decision was made to replace the air blast circuit breakers at Hardwoods (B1L36 in 2012 and B1L01 in 2013) to provide the necessary parts to begin the planned Asea Brown Boveri type DLF overhaul program scheduled to start in 2013 and then to eliminate the need for a compressed air system at Hardwoods in 2013 with the replacement of breaker B1L01. The remaining breakers identified on page A2 have already had previous overhauls completed and were strategically placed slightly ahead of the 50 year target to allow a levelized approach. In looking further at the breakers outlined on pages A3, A4 and A5, all remaining breakers are being replaced after the age of 50 years.