

1    Q.    **B-70, Overhaul Diesel Units, \$974,100**

2            From the information provided on pgs. 4 and 5 of the report *Overhaul Diesel*  
3            *Engines, July 2011*, Volume II, Tab 26, it can be determined that Hydro has been  
4            using the long block replacement program since 2006. What information has Hydro  
5            gathered, from its own experience or from the experience of other utilities,  
6            regarding the benefits of continuing this program?

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9    A.    The following benefits have been noted from Hydro's experience in using long block  
10          replacements:

11          a.          A reduction in downtime of the unit. The long block replacement time is  
12                   shorter than having to complete an overhaul;

13          b.          The travel time and travel cost is less for long block replacements. This can  
14                   be amplified when weather delays occur, which are common in northern  
15                   Labrador; and

16          c.          On the north coast of Labrador, in particular, long blocks have helped  
17                   improved resource management, to free up resources to deal with other  
18                   priority maintenance issues.

19          With respect to other utilities, Hydro does not have information from other utilities  
20          regarding the benefits of this program. However, Hydro believes the benefits are  
21          experienced mainly in areas in which you have to fly in and out, such as on the  
22          north coast of Labrador. As a result, Hydro's budget proposal for 2012 considers  
23          long block replacements in the Labrador region only.