Q. [R12-Right-Of-Ways] - Regarding the response to CA-NLH-192, statements are made that when right-of-ways are renewed that a longer life can be recognized at that time, please provide information regarding how many right-of-ways have expired without renewal, the corresponding cost of such right-of-ways, the renewal periods, and the additional cost associated with renewals. Finally, reconcile internal staff expectations for shorter lives and retirement expectations from the 55R4 life-curve combination with the actual retirement activity.

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There have been no right of ways that have expired without renewal since all of Hydro's easements are less than 50 years. To renew a right of way, Hydro has to fill out a renewal form which it receives from the Crown Lands office. Hydro has 90 days to fill in the form and return it. There are no Crown Lands fees associated with renewing an easement but Hydro must continue to pay the yearly fee. Easements are issued for a 50 year period and can be renewed for another 50 years. As such, the selection of the 55 year life closely matches the period of the easement, however it does provide for some instance for renewal. It is the view of Mr. Kennedy that it is reasonable to depreciate the right of way over the term of the right of way. In addition, there is no guarantee of a renewal therefore the recommended life is reasonable.