

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 7: Capital Programs and Projects, Program 12: Replace Disconnects (2026**
2 **- 2028)**

3 Page 1, lines 17-21 and page 2, Chart 1. Hydro identifies in excess of forty disconnect switches
4 that meet the service life of 60 years, regardless of condition replacement criteria. At the
5 current pace of replacement, when does Hydro anticipate all existing disconnect switches that
6 meet the criteria of the service life of 60 years being replaced?

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9 A. Chart 1 provides the forecasted age for all assets covered under the program in 2028 (i.e., the
10 planned installation year of the disconnect switches in the scope of the Replace Disconnects
11 (2026–2028) Program). Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) has identified 45
12 disconnect switches that will have reached a service life of 60 years by the end of 2028.

13 Following the current pace of replacement for disconnect switches, Hydro anticipates that these
14 45 disconnect switches will be replaced by the year 2036. Based on the current long-term plan
15 for these assets, the oldest of these disconnect switches will be 68 years of age at the time of
16 their replacement. As a result, Hydro is evaluating the pace of the Replace Disconnects Program
17 for its 2027 Capital Budget Application.