

- 1 **Q. NP discusses depreciation at page 3-6 and indicates that the next depreciation study**  
2 **is expected to be completed in 2020. Given the decision of the Ontario government**  
3 **in the face of rate shock to increase the useful life of electricity assets to reduce**  
4 **depreciation charges, would NP agree that there is a possibility for similar action**  
5 **both by the Board for NP and the provincial government for Nalcor and Muskrat**  
6 **Falls? If not why not?**  
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- 8 A. In Ontario, the Provincial Government reduced consumer electricity costs by, in effect,  
9 deferring the recovery of generation costs and providing a rebate of the provincial portion  
10 of the HST. The Ontario Government's actions did not include increasing "*...the useful*  
11 *life of electricity assets to reduce depreciation charges...*" as this question appears to  
12 indicate.  
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14 Please refer to the response to Request for Information CA-NP-072.