

1 Q. When was Newfoundland Hydro given notice by Newfoundland Power of
2 a Pole Sale Agreement between Newfoundland Power and Aliant? Why
3 did Newfoundland Hydro intervene in that Application? What was the
4 cost of Newfoundland Hydro's intervention?

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6 A. Hydro received verbal notice of the Pole Sale Agreement on March 2, the
7 same day that Aliant and Newfoundland Power issued a joint press
8 release on the matter.

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10 Hydro intervened in the Application made by Newfoundland Power for the
11 approval of the Pole Sale Agreement because there were a number of
12 issues that potentially affected Hydro's operations including the
13 ownership by another electric utility of poles upon which Hydro had
14 attachments in Hydro's service territory. Another issue was the protection
15 of rights held by Hydro under a joint-use agreement with Aliant. Hydro
16 also provided information and argument pertaining to the appropriateness
17 of the inclusion of non-electric assets in an electric utility's rate base.

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19 Hydro's costs in the intervention were minimal as no external resources
20 were utilized.