

1 Q. Regarding IC-315 NLH, at Reeves, page 7 Hydro indicates that a portion of
2 the transmission plant is nearly the end of its normal service life. Please
3 comment on any major transmission plant rebuilding or refurbishing projected
4 to be required in the next 10 years, including projected costs and timing.

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7 A. Currently, there are no major transmission plant rebuilding or refurbishing
8 projects in Hydro's five-year capital plan.

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10 As part of its 2003 maintenance activities, Hydro will be inspecting, testing
11 and treating approximately 1,500 of its wood transmission poles. Core
12 samples of approximately 150 poles will be analyzed to determine the
13 residual concentration of preservatives.

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15 The results of this program and correlation, with similar testing completed in
16 1998-1999, will assist Hydro in developing its long-term strategy regarding
17 wood poles assets.