

1    Q.    Further to NP-12 NLH: Hydro indicates that it does not incur any contractor  
2           labour. Does Hydro use contractors to install poles? If so, please provide  
3           details of costs for 1998 – 2002.

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6    A.    Hydro's response to NP-12 NLH was not meant to indicate that it does not  
7           incur any contract labour, but rather that Hydro does not hire contract  
8           employees into its workforce.

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10           Hydro does use contractors to install poles, usually as part of a contract for  
11           new line construction or upgrading projects. During the period 1998-2002,  
12           Hydro contracted for the installation of approximately 1900 distribution poles  
13           at an estimated cost of \$800,000. This estimate includes transportation of  
14           the poles, excavation in either rock or soil and erection and backfilling of the  
15           poles.

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17           The estimate does not include any transmission poles such as those installed  
18           during construction of TL263 (230kv line Granite Canal to Upper Salmon).