

1    Q    **RE: p. B-28** Has Hydro considered the alternative of implementing a  
2            program of inspection for only those poles, which are 20 years old and older?

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5    A.    Hydro had considered only inspecting poles 20 years of age and older but  
6            decided against it in order to maintain transmission line reliability. All  
7            components for each line are inspected on a 10-year base schedule,  
8            including poles, crossarms, insulators, conductor, etc. Poles less than 20  
9            years of age are sounded and visually inspected only, but are not bored for  
10          internal inspection, nor retreated against decay. Internal inspection and  
11          retreatment is only done on poles greater than 20 years of age.