

1 Q. **RE: p. B-30** What is the projected outage frequency rate for the line after  
2 completion of this Project?

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5 A. Approximately 90% of the faults on this line for the period 1999 – 2003 were  
6 related to severe salt contamination of insulators during several storms. The  
7 upgrade will include insulators, which will perform better in a salt  
8 contamination environment, and provide better performance but it is not  
9 possible to specifically project what that improvement will be. It is expected  
10 that the outage frequency rate will improve to be more in line with the Hydro  
11 average rate of 7.11 per 100 km/year for this class of line.