

1 **Replace Poles, p. B-74, \$331,800**

2 Q. If “B” condition indicates that poles should be replaced in one to five years,
3 why had NLH chosen 2006 as the year in which these poles should be
4 replaced?

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7 A. The “B” condition indicates replacement in 1 to 5 years, meaning there is a
8 range of conditions contained within this “B” designation. Once identified as a
9 “B” condition, the replacement schedule is determined through a judgment of
10 a number of operational factors such as: the pole condition; it’s location on
11 the system; it’s accessibility; system performance statistics; etc. Operational
12 staff use these factors to determine if the pole needs to be replaced in the
13 first year or whether it can wait for a future year in the 5-year timeframe. This
14 proposal is to replace those ‘B’ condition poles that Hydro believes cannot be
15 left for replacement beyond 2006.