

1    **B-32 Construct Transmission Line Equipment Off-Loading Ramps, \$402,000**

2    Q.    Provide detailed statistics on the number of times that off-loading equipment  
3           required the blocking of traffic and the length of time this was necessary.

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6    A.    There are no statistics available. Virtually every time a line crew must access  
7           a line, the equipment must be offloaded on the shoulder of the highway. If  
8           there is no convenient parking place nearby, such as a gravel pit, the truck  
9           and trailer must be left parked on the shoulder while the crew spends the day  
10          working on the line. The hazard is magnified during periods of poor visibility,  
11          during fog or snow, during periods of darkness or poor light and during  
12          winter, when snow drifts reducing the width of the road shoulders.