

1 **In reference to Schedule “B”, page 45 of 82, please provide the rationale for the Aliant pole**
2 **purchase as follows:**

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4 **Q. How much has this pole purchase, to date, added to Newfoundland Power’s rate**
5 **base?**

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7 A. As of October 31, 2002 , the purchase of Aliant poles has increased Newfoundland
8 Power’s average rate base by approximately \$23 million.