

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 will the pole purchase, upon completion, add to Newfoundland Power’s**
5 **rate base?**

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7 A. The purchase of Aliant poles will be completed in 2005. The total impact of the purchase
8 on the Company’s average rate base is forecast to be approximately \$33 million.