

**In reference to the evidence of Ludlow at page 7:**

**Q. Please show the historical costs for the past five years of the deteriorated poles, conductors and hardware to be replaced.**

A. The various components of a transmission line such as poles, conductor and hardware deteriorate over time. The Company does not perform maintenance or refurbishment on these individual components to restore them to their original condition. At some point in time the individual components will deteriorate and will have to be replaced to ensure the safe and reliable operation of the distribution line.

As a result there is no record of historical costs associated with the specific components being replaced.