

In reference to the projects listed in Schedule “B”, page 43 of 66, of that same budget:

Q. Please provide the rationale for placing (sic) a feeder in Trepassey when the SAIDI hours per year were better than Company average.

A. The 2002 Trepassey project does not involve replacing a complete feeder but rather upgrading a portion of feeder Trepassey-01. The section being upgraded serves the community of St. Shott’s and is a single-phase tap off the main distribution line.

This section of line crosses an exposed barren area and is subjected to extremely high winds, heavy icing and salt contamination. As this section of line is fused, faults on the tap do not result in outages to the remainder of the customers served by the feeder. Therefore the SAIDI, or duration statistics, for the whole feeder are not materially affected by outages to the St. Shott’s area. However, the level of service experienced by customers in St. Shott’s is worse than the feeder as a whole and worse than the Company average. The expenditures are required to improve reliability to these customers.