

**Reconstruction, Schedule B, pages 44-45 (\$2,461,000)**

**Q. For storm situations, what studies are done to assess whether the current line design is appropriate for rebuild or whether a re-design is required?**

A. During storm situations, when a distribution line has failed and customers are without power, time does not permit a detailed evaluation of the existing line design. Given the urgency of such situations, to the extent possible, the damaged line is rebuilt to current construction standards so that power is restored as quickly as possible.

The Company does evaluate the line design for those distribution feeders that have a poor reliability history based on SAIDI and SAIFI data. Based on an analysis of environmental conditions and a detailed assessment of past problems, the Company may choose to rebuild a distribution line to a higher load standard.