

General

Q. Ref: PUB-36 NP. Explain why NP uses multi-year project schedules to upgrade the same transmission line (eg. Portions of 403L had \$581,000 in capital improvements made during 2001 and is now scheduled for further improvements (\$380,000) in 2004) as opposed to conducting all improvements on one line in the same period.

A. Occasionally Newfoundland Power may use multi-year project schedules to upgrade the same transmission line for several reasons:

- (1) sections of lines may have been constructed in different years, consequently all sections of a line may not in the same state of deterioration.
- (2) availability of labour resources for construction purposes.
- (3) impact on generation, for example 403L connects the Lookout Brook Hydro electric plant to the provincial grid. An extended outage in order to rebuild the transmission line could possibly result in lost production due to spills.