

1 **Q. DISTRIBUTION**

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3 **DISTRIBUTION RELIABILITY INITIATIVE (POOLED), p. 45 of 81, \$3,114,000**

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6 **What is the total budgeted amount for brush clearing, and why has it been included**
7 **in the capital expenditure estimates (p. 5, Botwood-01 Feeder Study, June 2005)?**
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10 **A.** Brush clearing is included in capital expenditure estimates when clearing of vegetation is
11 required to:

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- 13 • Construct a new line on a new Right of Way ("ROW");
 - 14 • Relocate an existing line to a new ROW;
 - 15 • Facilitate construction associated with a capital project on an existing line (e.g.
 - 16 when it is necessary to clear a path through brush to allow materials to be brought
 - 17 to the site and installed); or
 - 18 • Accommodate a standards change (e.g. upgrading a line from single phase to
 - 19 three phase would require the ROW to be widened from 5.4 meters to 7.5 meters.
 - 20 Clearing the additional 2.1 meters is a capital expenditure).
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22 In cases of routine maintenance and operations, the Company charges brush clearing
23 expenditures to an operating account.

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25 In 2006, a total of \$68,000 is included in the Botwood-01 reliability project capital budget
26 estimate for brush clearing as follows:

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- 28 • \$8,000 is required to clear ROW for the relocation of a section of line to the road
 - 29 at the beginning of Route 352 from Northern Arm to Charles Brook.
 - 30 • \$36,250 is required to clear ROW for the relocation of a section of line to the road
 - 31 from the intersection of Route 352 to Point Leamington.
 - 32 • \$23,750 is required to relocate a section of line near Leading Tickles from the
 - 33 Glovers Harbour tap to the road.