

1 **Q. Re: Plant Upgrades, Energized Equipment, Table 3-1**

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3 **What initiatives are underway to continue to improve the percentage of upgrades**
4 **performed on energized equipment?**

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6 A. Newfoundland Power currently does not have any initiatives underway to continue to
7 improve the percentage of upgrades performed on energized equipment.

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9 Newfoundland Power's Power Line Technicians continue to be trained and equipped to
10 perform work on energized equipment.¹ The decision to carry out live line work on
11 energized equipment rests with qualified engineering and operations personnel.² Work is
12 carried out on energized lines when it is safe, practical and cost effective to do so.

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14 The percentage of work performed on energized equipment will vary from year to year.
15 Completing work on energized equipment is a consideration for all electrical system
16 repairs and upgrades, and is decided on a case by case basis. As a result, it is not
17 practical to establish targets on the amount of work that can be carried out on energized
18 equipment in any given year.

¹ Newfoundland Power has formal policies and procedures in place to ensure that all work on energized lines is performed in a safe and efficient manner.

² Due consideration is given to factors such as public and employee safety, customer concerns, the ability to maintain limits of approach, vehicle accessibility, incremental cost, weather, etc.