

1 **Q. Please provide the numbers and type of employee, or contractor that is available to**
2 **conduct vegetation management.**

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4 A. Newfoundland Power currently employs 9 Transmission and Distribution Planners
5 (“Planners”) who, as part of their duties, execute the Company’s transmission and
6 distribution inspection programs, including vegetation components. Planners create work
7 orders for identified deficiencies and plan for maintenance activities. Planners are
8 responsible for vegetation management contractors, including issuing work orders and
9 quality assurance.

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11 Newfoundland Power currently has active contracts with three vegetation management
12 contractors. The contractors are available to complete both aerial tree trimming and
13 ground clearing on an as needed basis. The number of employees with these contractors
14 available to undertake work for Newfoundland Power will vary throughout the year.