

- 1 **Q. Please identify any changes in the vegetation management programs that are**
2 **contemplated in the near future to reduce annual cost without causing significant**
3 **reduction in reliability.**
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- 5 A. Newfoundland Power considers its current vegetation management program to be
6 effective.¹ The Company is not currently contemplating any changes in the vegetation
7 management program in the near future to reduce annual costs without causing
8 significant reduction in reliability.

¹ In 2018, approximately 14% of Newfoundland Power's SAIDI was attributable to tree contact. This compares to a Canadian Electricity Association average of approximately 42% (based on Region 2 utilities).