

1 **Q. Please provide a comparator of the maintenance provided by Newfoundland Power**  
2 **on poles and what is the average life of a pole along these transmission lines and**  
3 **please provide a comparator of the maintenance Newfoundland Power provides as**  
4 **opposed to the pole maintenance provided by NL Hydro?**  
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6 A. Newfoundland Power is unable to provide a comparator of the pole maintenance it  
7 provides and the pole maintenance provided by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro  
8 (“Hydro”).  
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10 The Company’s transmission inspection and maintenance practices are included as  
11 Attachment B to the response to Request for Information NLH-NP-001. Hydro’s  
12 standard work method for inspections and treatment under the Wood Pole Line  
13 Management Program are included as Attachments 1 and 2 of the response to Request for  
14 Information NP-NLH-037 of Hydro’s *2020 Capital Budget Application*.  
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16 Newfoundland Power does not have the historic data necessary to calculate the average  
17 life of poles on individual transmission lines. The average service life of the Company’s  
18 transmission poles is estimated to be 52 years as of December 31, 2014.<sup>1</sup> The average  
19 service life of Hydro’s transmission poles is estimated to be 57 years as of December 31,  
20 2015.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Newfoundland Power’s *2016/2017 General Rate Application, Volume 3, 2014 Depreciation Study, Calculated Annual Depreciation Accruals, Related to Electric Plant as of December 31, 2014*, Table 1, Page VI-7.

<sup>2</sup> See Hydro’s *2020 Capital Budget Application*, response to Request for Information NP-NLH-048 (Revision 1).