

1 **Re Wood Pole Line Management (WPLM) Program, page B-13:**

2 Q. With reference to Hydro's response to IC27-NLH in the 2007 Capital Budget
3 Application, and specifically subsection (f) of that response, and to the
4 related IC32-NLH in the 2008 Capital Budget Application, update Hydro's
5 response with respect to those recommendations that had not been followed
6 or completed, namely R4, R6, R8 and R10.

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9 A. R4 - Does not apply because we have not yet encountered a situation where
10 we need to conduct a separate study for major upgrading of a wood pole line
11 system under WPLM.

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13 R6 – There is no further development to report at this time. Hydro is satisfied
14 with the current model and will wait until the first cycle of the inspection
15 program is completed before the model is revised or improved.

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17 R8 – With respect to work with Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN),
18 there was some delay in developing the pole test facility. However, the
19 discussions continued and Hydro has received a proposal from MUN for the
20 construction of the test bed, which will be ready for use in January 2009. In
21 addition to the pole test facility, a proposal is currently being finalized with the
22 Faculty of Engineering to support a graduate student for the research and
23 development of a Non-Destructive Evaluation (NDE) of wood poles. This
24 should be in place by December 2008.

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26 R10 – The WPLM program currently has a working group which meets
27 monthly to discuss the progress of the program.