

1 Q. **Re: Pole Replacements, Vol. II, Tab 14**

2 On page 9, NLH states: "The deteriorated poles identified on each of these lines
3 were classified as "B" (one to five years of remaining life) condition during the last
4 inspection in 2006 and are scheduled to be replaced in 2010".

5 Does NLH, as part of its inspection regime, revisit previously inspected poles to
6 determine if their current condition is consistent with its previous assigned
7 grade/condition and/or to test the accuracy of previously assigned grades?

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10 A. No, Hydro does not revisit previously inspected poles to determine if their current
11 condition is consistent with its previous assigned grade/condition and/or to test the
12 accuracy of previously assigned grades. Hydro is confident with the inspection
13 procedure and submits proposed work to the Public Utilities Board based on the
14 results obtained from the inspection. A reassessment of this type would result in
15 additional cost that would not be a justifiable expense. However, at the time of
16 replacement, the Hydro on-site representative will do a visual inspection of the pole
17 prior to removal to ensure that the previously given grade is correct.