

1 **Q. Please describe NP's role in assisting its sister company Fortis Turks and Caicos in**
2 **2008 in respect of hurricane damage and power outages in 2008.**

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4 A. In early September 2008, the Turks and Caicos Islands were struck by Tropical Storm
5 Hanna, which was immediately followed by Hurricane Ike. Hurricane Ike was a
6 Category 4 hurricane that caused major damage to the Fortis Turks and Caicos
7 transmission and distribution system on South Caicos, with lesser damage occurring on
8 North Caicos and Middle Caicos.

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10 Newfoundland Power, along with other Fortis Subsidiaries, sent a group of employees to
11 assist Fortis Turks and Caicos with repairing its transmission and distribution system, and
12 restoring electrical service. Newfoundland Power also coordinated the Fortis support to
13 the Fortis Turks and Caicos hurricane relief effort.

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15 Newfoundland Power deployed a total of 17 staff to assist Fortis Turks and Caicos repair
16 damage caused by Hurricane Ike in 2008. Staff were deployed from September 9 until
17 October 31. The 3 electrical technologists were deployed for 2, 6, and 7 weeks
18 respectively. The power line technicians were deployed in 2 shifts with 7 power line
19 technicians in each 3 week shift.