

1 **Q. Re Distribution Reliability Initiative, p. 50-52, Tab 4.1.**

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3 **Table 1 of the report at Tab 4.2 shows that for 2009 the NWB-02 feeder experienced**  
4 **SAIDI of .48 and SAIFI of .26. In the past the Company has deferred DRI projects**  
5 **(for example, in 2007 on account of the Rattling Brook project). Explain why this**  
6 **\$521,000 project cannot be deferred in light of the most recent reliability statistics**  
7 **available.**

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9 A. The NWB-02 project was proposed as a three year project with specific portions of the  
10 feeder being upgraded in each of the three years. While the overall reliability statistics  
11 for the feeder improved in 2009, portions of the feeder are still experiencing above  
12 average outage times. Year to date 2010 (August 11<sup>th</sup>) the customers on the section of  
13 line proposed for upgrade in 2011 have experienced a SAIDI of 14.1.