

1 **Q. Section 14 – Joint Use Pole Records of the Administration Practices provides for**
2 **appropriate adjustments to maintain the proper ownership ratio. Does**
3 **Newfoundland Power intend to seek approval of the Board for any future**
4 **adjustments?**

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6 A. Newfoundland Power currently anticipates that the Joint Use Support Structure
7 ownership ratio will be maintained through routine operations under the 2011 JUA and
8 will not require approval of the Board.¹
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10 Fair and equitable sharing of Joint Use Support Structure costs through 60% / 40%
11 ownership by Newfoundland Power and Bell Aliant is initially established through the
12 proposed sale of Support Structures.² This ownership ratio will be maintained through
13 proportionate installations of Joint Use Support Structures by Newfoundland Power and
14 Bell Aliant annually over the period of the 2011 JUA.
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16 The 2011 JUA provides for a comprehensive regime for the co-ordinated planning,
17 design, installation and maintenance of Joint Use Support Structures on an ongoing basis.
18 Pursuant to Section 14 of Administration Practices contained in the 2011 JUA, the
19 ownership ratio will be monitored and deviations will be corrected over the following
20 year through increased Support Structure installations by the party having a shortfall.
21 This will require adjustments to planned new installations by each party. Any such
22 adjustments will be made with consideration of the same factors as considered in the
23 initial transfer of ownership.
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25 Cost sharing on a 60% / 40% basis will be maintained through proportionate ownership,
26 construction and maintenance of Joint Use Support Structures as provided in the 2011
27 JUA.

¹ The terms of the 2011 JUA do not provide for purchase and sale of support structures between Newfoundland Power and Bell Aliant in order to maintain the ownership ratio. If future circumstances require sale of support structures, Newfoundland Power would expect such transactions to be subject to approval of the Board. The Company does not anticipate such a requirement during the term of the 2011 JUA.

² The factors agreed by Newfoundland Power and Bell Aliant to be considered in determining the specific Joint Use Support Structures to be transferred to Bell Aliant are outlined in Response to Request for Information PUB-NP-8.