

1 **Q. At page 7 of the 2001 Evidence it is stated that**

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3 *“It is not efficient for Aliant to continue to own the approximately 30,000 non-joint*
4 *use poles. Aliant would need to maintain a substantial amount of the*
5 *infrastructure and support services that it currently uses, but such infrastructure*
6 *would be applied to a vastly reduced and relatively small pole population.”*
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8 **How many poles will Bell Aliant own if the 2011 Purchase Agreement is completed?**
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10 **A.** When the 2011 Purchase Agreement is completed it is estimated that Bell Aliant will own
11 approximately 93,000 Joint Use poles and 42,000 Non-Joint use poles in Newfoundland.
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13 These poles are in addition to the approximately 2.3 million poles that Bell Aliant
14 currently owns in Eastern Canada.