

1 **Q. Does Bell Aliant have support infrastructure and support services in the province to**
2 **carry out the responsibilities of the 2011 Joint Use Agreement?**

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4 **A. Yes.**

5 Bell Aliant has Joint Use arrangements similar to the 2011 Joint Use Agreement in place
6 in five other Canadian provinces where they own and maintain in excess of 2,300,000
7 Support Structures.

8 Bell Aliant has sufficient support infrastructure and support services in this province,
9 either internally or on a contract basis, to carry out the responsibilities under the 2011
10 JUA. These support infrastructure and support services include:

- 11 1. Network surveillance and network operations centres operated 24 hours per day to
12 coordinate response to service requests as they occur;
- 13 2. Construction crews in various locations across the province including technicians that
14 can be dispatched as required;
- 15 3. Approximately 25 heavy fleet vehicles equipped with aerial devices for work on
16 Support Structures;
- 17 4. Pole contractors to install/remove poles similar to Newfoundland Power's current
18 practice;¹ and
- 19 5. Agreements with Newfoundland Power and an engineering firm to provide
20 engineering services when required.

21 Newfoundland Power has longstanding experience in dealing with Bell Aliant (and its
22 predecessors), including, but not limited to, experience over the past decade, on matters
23 such as engineering, planning and co-ordination for Joint Use Support Structures² and
24 emergency response and communications relating to Joint Use Support Structure failure.³
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¹ Bell Aliant uses the same contractors as Newfoundland Power uses to set poles. For Bell Aliant these contractors typically install strand and cable, it would not be significant to transition to pole installation. In fact, since January, Bell Aliant has been responsible to install non-joint use poles.

² See Response to the Request for Information PUB-NP-76, lines 18 to 25.

³ See Response to the Requests for Information PUB-NP-55, PUB-NP-56 and PUB-NP-57.