

1 **Q. Specific concerns were addressed in RFI - PUB-4 of the 2001 Application [Consent #**  
2 **2 (iv)] on the requirement for detailed tracking, the need for engineering technicians**  
3 **in both companies to correspond, lost opportunities regarding scheduling of work,**  
4 **time consuming tracking and allocating of contractor costs for tree trimming and**  
5 **brush clearing on mixed ownership lines and time required as a result of disputes**  
6 **with Bell Aliant. Will these concerns arise under the 2011 Joint Use Agreement?**

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8 **A.** Newfoundland power does not expect these matters to have any material impact under  
9 the 2011 Joint Use Agreement (the “2011 JUA”).

10 The areas of concern identified are specifically covered under the 2011 JUA. The 2011  
11 JUA sets out expectations with respect to prior notification of work, support structure  
12 work request forms, mixed ownership, maintenance of support structures and record  
13 keeping.

14 The Joint Use Administration Committee and the Joint Use Working Committee are  
15 established under the 2011 JUA to address the concerns identified and other matters  
16 related to the planning, design, installation and maintenance of support structures.<sup>1</sup>  
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18 Newfoundland Power observes that in the period 2001 through 2010, there were  
19 approximately 300 Support Structure Work Requests (“SSWRs”) annually submitted  
20 from Bell Aliant to Newfoundland Power under the 2001 Joint Use Facilities Partnership  
21 Agreement. These SSWRs concerned matters ranging from subdivision layout to road  
22 relocations to proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> party attachments to existing Joint Use Support Structures.  
23 Through this period, the efficiency associated with Joint Use improved. This is not  
24 expected to change materially as neither the customers served nor the parties using the  
25 Support Structures are expected to change materially.  
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27 In the period from 2000 through 2010, Newfoundland Power’s operations, including  
28 operations related to Joint Use of Support Structures, have been managed efficiently in a  
29 least-cost manner. This general approach will continue in the new Joint Use regime  
30 described in the Application.  
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32 Please refer to the Response to Request for Information PUB-NP-75 for further  
33 information concerning Joint Use operating efficiency.

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<sup>1</sup> Currently, Newfoundland Power routinely deals with approximately 20 employees of Bell Aliant across the island of Newfoundland concerning Joint Use of Support Structures.