

1 **Q. Please describe how capital expenditures relating to joint use support structures will**
2 **be impacted and treated in 2013 and in future years from a regulatory perspective,**
3 **with regard to section 41 of the *Public Utilities Act*.**
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5 A. Newfoundland Power currently installs, owns and maintains 60% of the joint use support
6 structures in its service territory. The remaining 40% of the joint use support structures
7 are installed, owned and maintained by Bell Aliant. Newfoundland Power installs, owns
8 and maintains its electrical fitting and conductors on 100% of the jointly used support
9 structures.
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11 In 2013, and in subsequent years, it is expected that Newfoundland Power will incur cost
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- 14 1) Install additional support structures including fittings and conductor as required to
15 serve new customers.
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- 17 2) Install additional fittings and conductor on support structures owned by Bell Aliant as
18 required to serve new customers.
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- 20 3) Upgrade support structures owned by Newfoundland Power including the fittings and
21 conductor owned by Newfoundland Power.
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- 23 4) Upgrade fittings and conductor owned by Newfoundland Power on support structures
24 owned by Bell Aliant.
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26 In accordance with Section 41 of the Public Utilities Act all Newfoundland Power
27 requirements detailed above are estimated and submitted for approval as part of the
28 Company's annual capital budget.
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30 Bell Aliant is responsible for the cost associated with installing or upgrading its Support
31 Structures. During the period from 2001 to 2010 when Newfoundland Power owned all
32 joint use poles this cost would have been Newfoundland Power's responsibility.