

1 **Q. [Account 350.01] – As it relates to Account 350.01 – Transmission Plant Easements,**
2 **please state if the Company plans to continue utilizing easements, ROWs, etc. as it**
3 **replaces investment that sits on the asset. If not, specifically state how the Company**
4 **plans to provide service at such location as well as why any alternative is more**
5 **appropriate than continued usage of the existing asset.**

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7 **A.** Where it is appropriate and possible to do so, Newfoundland Power will continue to
8 utilize existing easements or rights-of-way for its transmission lines. However, there are
9 instances when it may be necessary to retire an existing easement or right-of-way and
10 acquire a replacement.

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12 For example, the relocation of all or a part of a transmission line may be required, and
13 therefore appropriate, in the following circumstances:

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15 1) Relocations for outside parties may be required where the existing location
16 conflicts with other development plans. Examples include new highways or
17 streets, buildings and residential subdivisions.
18 2) Relocations may be based on engineering judgements made during the course
19 of planning for the rebuild of a transmission line. For example, a transmission
20 line may have initially followed a cross-country route, whereas a rebuild of
21 the line may involve relocating a portion of the line closer to a highway to
22 reduce response times in the event of trouble on the line.
23 3) In some instances, it may not be possible during reconstruction of a
24 transmission line to de-energize a radial line that is the sole power supply for a
25 geographic area. In such instances, reconstruction may involve the
26 construction of a new line in an adjacent right-of-way and decommissioning
27 of the original line and retirement of the original right-of-way once the new
28 line is completed.