

1 Q. **Projects over \$50,000 but Less Than \$200,000**

2 Tab 15 Wood Pole Line Management, Various Sites:

3 Given that the Pole Test equipment was utilized by Hydro, would this option of
4 nondestructive testing be the least cost method in the long term?

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7 A. Please refer to Hydro's response to CA-NLH-062 for the costs of the different non-
8 destructive testing equipment used in Hydro's investigation. Hydro currently owns
9 Pole Test equipment and has been utilizing this equipment since the Wood Pole
10 Line Management program began in 2004. If Hydro were to continue using the Pole
11 Test equipment then there would be no additional equipment purchase costs;
12 however, Hydro has found this equipment to provide unreliable results for
13 accurately predicting pole strength. Hydro will continue to research and investigate
14 other non-destructive testing equipment.