
1 Q. **Volume III, Tab 14 – Wood Pole Line Management Program**

2 Hydro outlines in Section 3.2.3 (page 8) that: “Through this type of proper
3 inspection and maintenance the life of a transmission line could be extended by ten
4 years or more.” Does Hydro have any evidence to support this claim?

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7 A. Evidence to support this claim can be found in Hydro’s current system. As stated in
8 Section 3.2.3, the anticipated useful life of a wood pole transmission line not
9 subject to inspection or maintenance is approximately 40 years. Hydro currently has
10 20 wood pole transmission lines that have surpassed this anticipated useful life. Of
11 these lines, 17 are between the ages of 45 and 50 years, with the oldest wood pole
12 line having been installed 50 years ago in 1965. This life extension can be attributed
13 to the inspection, treatment and refurbishment that Hydro has been conducting on
14 its transmission lines.