

1   **Re: Page B-83, Wood Pole Line Management Program, \$2,188,300**

2   Q.    Why, for individual lines such as TL212, does the actual number of  
3        inspections exceed significantly the target number?  
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6   A.    During any inspection the results that are found can sometimes dictate an  
7        adjustment. In particular, while performing the inspections of TL212 in 2006 a  
8        greater than expected number of degraded poles were detected. On  
9        average we expect to discover that 5%, or fewer, of the poles inspected will  
10       require replacement. On TL 212, the percentage was 9%, indicating the  
11       conditions of its poles were more deteriorated than usual, which prompted us  
12       to perform a greater level of inspection of this line. Therefore, it was decided  
13       to reduce the targeted pole inspections on TL218 and TL219 and to increase  
14       the number of poles inspected on TL212.