

1 Q. Re: 2012 Wood Pole Line Management Volume II (Tab 13)

2 At page 4, the project description for the wood pole line management system is as
3 follows, "The program is aimed at early detection and treatment of the wood poles
4 before the integrity of the structures are jeopardized." If during core sampling
5 preservative levels are determined to be below the required design criteria (page 2)
6 what preventative measures are taken to treat the wood pole?

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9 A. The philosophy of the Wood Pole Line Management (WPLM) Program is to inspect,
10 test and treat all poles, regardless of the existing preservative levels found in the
11 pole.

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13 To build a base of preservative deterioration rates, core samples are taken from ten
14 percent of the poles inspected. These are taken to gauge the level of original
15 preservative remaining in the pole. Additional core samples will be taken during
16 future inspections to establish the depletion rate of the preservative to determine if
17 adjustments are required to the treatment program.