

1 Q. [Account PO7 - Poles - Wood] - In CA-NLH-106, the Company states that its
2 operation group felt that a short life extension to the previously proposed 35-year
3 life would be appropriate for Account PO7 - Wood - Poles. At this time, please
4 provide a detailed narrative explaining why the Company personnel believe a small
5 extension is warranted, along with all underlying supporting documentation for
6 such position including all meaningful and significant factors. Further, specifically
7 explain and support if a 5-year life extension would not also meet the expectations
8 of personnel and if not, why not, along with all underlying documentation to
9 support such position.

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12 A. The operations group were provided a preliminary version of the results of the
13 retirement rate analysis in order to provide comment and to verify the
14 reasonableness of the preliminary estimates. The operations group provided a
15 check of the reasonableness of Gannett's recommendation based on their
16 experience and knowledge of the system, and agreed that a short life extension was
17 reasonable. The comments from the operations group were not based on any
18 specific documentation, but rather based on their internal expertise and knowledge
19 of the system. The Hydro operations group rely on the professional expertise of Mr.
20 Kennedy in providing Iowa curve fits, and are not in a position to offer comment on
21 the comparability of the characteristics of the differing Iowa curve fits.