

1 **Volume 3, Section 3 – 2006 Depreciation Study**
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3 **Q. Does NP remove its retired poles itself or is that contracted out to a private**
4 **contractor? What happens to the poles once they are retired for reasons other than**
5 **degradation by natural forces i.e. decay and wear and year? Who takes possession**
6 **and ownership of such retired poles and upon what terms? If the terms have varied**
7 **over the period from 2002 to present, please indicate in what respect(s).**
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9 A. Pole removals are carried out by private contractors.
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11 Once a pole has been removed, the contractor takes possession and ownership of the
12 wooden poles. All steel poles remain the property of Newfoundland Power.
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14 The terms of these arrangements have not changed since 2002.
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16 Following are the terms and conditions of the Company's current pole supply and
17 installation contract relating to salvageable wooden poles:
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- 19 1. *The contractor shall return all salvageable poles to the pole storage facility where*
20 *they will be kept on bunks separate from the consignment pole stock.*
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- 22 2. *The Contractor shall install used poles before new ones in accordance with the*
23 *installation criteria outlined below, unless otherwise instructed by the Owner.*
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- 25 3. *All used poles installed shall be reported as such to the Owner's Representative.*
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- 27 4. *The installation and material cost of salvageable poles will be invoiced at the same*
28 *price as new poles.*
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- 30 5. *Salvageable poles shall only be reinstalled per the following criteria:*
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 - 32 a. *Poles salvaged within ten (10) years of the manufacturer's date stamp may be*
33 *reinstalled as per existing class and height.*
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 - 35 b. *Poles salvaged after ten (10) years but within 25 years of the manufacturer's*
36 *date stamp shall be reinstalled only as service or streetlight installations.*
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 - 38 c. *Original date nail shall not be removed from salvageable poles.*
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- 40 6. *In the event the age of the pole is unable to be determined, the pole will not be*
41 *salvaged.*