

1    **B-63 Replace Distribution Lines, \$740,500**

2    Q.    Provide copies of any recent inspection reports that explain the condition of  
3           the sections of the South Brook and Harbour Breton Systems that require  
4           replacement.

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7    A.    There is no formal report detailing the inspections for these two sections of  
8           the South Brook & Barachoix Distribution Systems. The poles in question  
9           are almost 40 years old, which is the end of normal service life for this class  
10          of structure. Hydro's line crews have noted that the majority of the structures  
11          in these sections are actually unsafe to climb, due to extreme deterioration.  
12          It is required that we replace these sections in 2007 to ensure the safety of  
13          our personnel and to maintain reliable service for our customers.