

1 Q. **Asset Management**

2 Does Hydro use line contractors either for the normal course of work or in
3 emergencies and if so, how are they used? Include the use of Newfoundland
4 Power's lineworkers, if any, in this response.

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7 A. Hydro uses line contractors on a regular basis to carry out new construction and/or
8 upgrade work. Hydro does not use line contractors to carry out inspection work.

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10 In emergency situations, such as responding to and rectifying storm damage, Hydro
11 uses line contractors to supplement its own work force to affect repairs in a timely
12 manner. In some instances, Hydro has used Newfoundland Power's line workers in
13 response to trouble calls when Hydro is unable to do so in a timely manner. For
14 example, Newfoundland Power's line workers have responded to trouble calls in
15 the Monkstown distribution system on the Burin Peninsula.