

- 1 **Q. Further to the response to PUB-NP-081, out of the 153 Power Line Technicians, how**
2 **many are usually assigned to (1) distribution (2) transmission, and (3) substation**
3 **maintenance work?**
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- 5 A. Newfoundland Power’s Power Line Technicians (“PLTs”) are all trained and capable to
6 complete distribution, transmission and substation maintenance work and are not
7 assigned exclusively to specific types of work.¹ Maintenance work orders are generally
8 scheduled by the Central Dispatch group and assigned to various line crews as required
9 based on factors such as difficulty, priority, quantity, location, etc.²

¹ See the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-192 for details on the Company’s PLT apprenticeship program.

² Some maintenance work in substations and on the transmission system may require the work to be completed energized using hot line methods. This work would be assigned to more tenured PLT’s with specialized experience working under these conditions.