

- 1 **Q. Does Newfoundland Power have transmission, distribution and substation**  
2 **equipment specialists? Are these engineers? If not, what are their qualifications? Do**  
3 **they conduct investigations and root-cause analyses of equipment failures?**  
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- 5 A. Newfoundland Power does not have engineering staff that are specifically identified as  
6 equipment specialists. However, the Company's senior engineers and engineering  
7 technologists have specialized knowledge and expertise developed during their long  
8 experience working with the Company's electrical equipment. In addition to the  
9 knowledge gained through experience, the Company's engineering personnel regularly  
10 take part in specialized training provided by equipment manufacturers.  
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- 12 When equipment failures occur, investigations and analyses are carried out by or under  
13 the supervision of experienced engineering staff, supplemented when necessary by the  
14 expertise of the equipment manufacturers.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The report *Distribution Rebuild Update June 2012* filed with the 2013 Capital Budget Application and included as Attachment A to the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-068 includes descriptions of replacement programs for distribution assets that have come about as a result of investigations completed by the Company's engineering staff.