

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application, 3.1 2024 Transmission Line Rebuild, page 11) It is**
2 **stated “Alternative 2 ensures the continued reliability of the Central**
3 **Newfoundland 138 kV looped transmission system during the execution of the**
4 **project.” Does this suggest that Line 146L is expected to operate reliably for**
5 **the next several years?**
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- 7 **A.** No, this does not suggest that Transmission Line 146L is expected to operate reliably for
8 the next several years.¹ The statement is in relation to maintaining the existing Central
9 Newfoundland 138kV looped transmission network by having the existing Transmission
10 Line 146L energized throughout the duration of the project while constructing the new
11 line in a parallel right-of-way.

¹ The reliability of the line can not be guaranteed as the line’s substandard design and deteriorated condition expose it to an increased probability of failure.