

1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-117) It is stated "Newfoundland Power does not currently**  
2 **have a program in place that attempts to extend the life of an individual wood**  
3 **pole." Does this suggest that currently, rather than implement a program to**  
4 **extend the life of wood poles, NP policy is to simply replace poles based on the**  
5 **results of inspections?**

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7 A. The referenced statement does not seek to imply anything beyond its plain meaning.  
8 There is no suggestion that, currently, rather than implement a program to extend the  
9 life of wood poles, Newfoundland Power's policy is to replace poles based on the results  
10 of inspections.

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12 The response to Request for Information CA-NP-117 goes on to say that Newfoundland  
13 Power is currently undertaking a review of its asset management practices to ensure the  
14 Company's practices continue to be adequate given the age of its electrical system, and  
15 remain consistent with industry best practice. This review will include an assessment of  
16 the Company's transmission line asset management practices, including its capital  
17 investment and maintenance programs. Any change to the Company's current  
18 inspection and maintenance program, or the potential implementation of a wood pole  
19 chemical re-treatment program, would be considered in the full context of the lifecycle  
20 management of the Company's transmission assets.