

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application Schedule B, Rebuild Distribution Lines, page 24) The**  
 2 **program is described as follows “*Rebuild Distribution Lines is a preventative***  
 3 ***maintenance program that involves the planned replacement of deteriorated***  
 4 ***distribution structure and electrical equipment identified through inspections***  
 5 ***or engineering reviews. The program includes both the rebuilding of sections***  
 6 ***of distribution line and the selective replacement of line components such as***  
 7 ***deteriorated poles, crossarms, conductors, cut-outs, and insulators.”***  
 8 **a) Please provide the inspection and engineering reviews that were**  
 9 **undertaken in relation to this program.**  
 10 **b) Have any environmental or regulatory and/or field studies or likewise**  
 11 **been undertaken in NP’s planning process to mitigate unanticipated**  
 12 **terrain/environmental issues?**  
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 14 **A. a) The budget estimate for the 2025 *Rebuild Distribution Lines* program is based on a**  
 15 **historical average, as the distribution feeder inspections are not completed in**  
 16 **advance of filing the capital budget application.<sup>1</sup>**  
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 18 **Inspections of the 44 feeders listed on page 24 of Schedule B are currently ongoing**  
 19 **to identify deficiencies for completion in 2025. To date, two distribution feeder**  
 20 **inspections have been fully completed with the remaining 42 inspections in various**  
 21 **stages of completion.<sup>2</sup> To date, no engineering reviews have been completed for**  
 22 **these inspections.<sup>3</sup>**  
 23 **b) Distribution feeders that are inspected and refurbished under the *Rebuild***  
 24 ***Distribution Lines* program are in existing rights-of-way. Therefore, unanticipated**  
 25 **terrain and environmental issues are unlikely to occur. In some cases, relocation of a**  
 26 **section of distribution feeder to the road right-of-way may be necessary. In those**  
 27 **cases, unanticipated terrain and environmental issues do not arise because of the**  
 28 **line’s proximity to the road right-of-way.**

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<sup>1</sup> Approximately 2,000 distribution repair type work orders are completed each year as part of the *Rebuild Distribution Lines* program.

<sup>2</sup> The timing of feeder inspection completion will vary year to year and is dependent on weather conditions, availability of internal resources and the inspection priorities of other company assets.

<sup>3</sup> Engineering reviews are not typically performed until all inspections in a region have been completed.