

1 Q. **Depreciation**

2 Exhibit 11, page 29 of 628. For Account P07 (Poles- Wood), please provide any
3 condition assessment data conducted on the current condition and expected future
4 maintenance and replacement activities associated with these assets.

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7 A. Line structures (poles) are inspected visually as per the System Maintenance
8 Review, which recommends an inspection frequency of six to nine years depending
9 on geographic location and environmental conditions; however, new major line
10 extensions or replacements will receive a visual inspection within two years of
11 construction. The next scheduled visual inspection takes place ten years after the
12 first inspection. Climbing inspections may be required at the discretion of the
13 supervisor and/or distribution specialist.

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15 Poles are inspected for plumbness, rot, large cracks, insect or bird damage, and
16 earth erosion. Poles are graded as follows:

- 17 • "A": excess of five years life remaining;
- 18 • "B": one to five years life remaining, reassess within 12 to 24 months; and
- 19 • "C": less than one year life remaining, schedule replacement.

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21 Poles graded as condition "C" are scheduled to be replaced within one year through
22 Hydro's annual distribution upgrades budget or capital projects. Poles graded as
23 condition "B" are placed in the five year capital plan and scheduled for
24 replacement.

- 1 Hydro's current condition assessment data is showing 561 poles graded as
- 2 condition "C" and 2,124 poles graded as condition "B". Hydro does not track
- 3 condition "A" poles.