

1 **Q. Please provide general descriptions and program time periods for Newfoundland**  
2 **Power’s vegetation management programs for: (a) its transmission (include sub-**  
3 **transmission) lines and (b) distribution feeders and identify the departments**  
4 **responsible for the design and application of the vegetation management programs.**  
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6 A. Newfoundland Power completes transmission line vegetation inspections annually as part  
7 of the transmission line ground inspection. The Company completes distribution  
8 vegetation inspections twice every 7 years, with one inspection as part of the 7 year  
9 distribution line ground inspection and 1 as a drive-by inspection at the midpoint between  
10 7 year ground inspections.

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12 Work orders are created for any vegetation identified as meeting the Company’s  
13 deficiency criteria. All work orders receive a priority classification based on the safety  
14 and reliability risk. Work orders are grouped and dispatched to vegetation management  
15 contractors considering both priority and geography to ensure efficient execution.<sup>1</sup>  
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17 Work orders may also be created outside of the planned inspection cycles when  
18 vegetation is observed that meets the Company’s deficiency criteria and cannot be  
19 delayed until the next planned inspection cycle. These observations generally are a result  
20 of trouble, field staff observation or customer inquiries.  
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22 Newfoundland Power organizes its operations into three Operating Regions: (i) St. John’s  
23 Region; (ii) Eastern Region; and (iii) Western Region. Each Operating Region is  
24 responsible for implementing the vegetation management program in its service area.  
25 The Company also assigns a corporate lead at both the manager and director level from  
26 within one of the 3 Operating Regions. A corporate lead is responsible for managing  
27 contracts, ensuring program consistency across the Company, and implementing any  
28 changes to the vegetation management program.

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<sup>1</sup> Some emergency and high-priority work orders may require completion by the Company’s Powerline Technicians to address safety or reliability concerns promptly.