

1 **Q. (Reference Application Volume 2, Transmission Line Rebuild, page C-1) Please**
2 **provide details of historical pole treatments on transmission line 124L.**
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4 A. Newfoundland Power does not treat its transmission line poles. There is therefore no
5 historical pole treatment data available for Transmission Line 124L.
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7 As part of its *2020 Capital Budget Application*, Newfoundland Power acknowledged that
8 many utilities have test and treat programs for transmission line assets. For example,
9 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) initiated a pilot program for pole
10 treatment in 2003. Hydro’s program is based on two 10-year inspection cycles and is
11 scheduled for completion in 2023.¹
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13 At that time, Newfoundland Power submitted that it would be prudent to await the results
14 of Hydro’s program before determining whether a wood pole test and treatment program
15 is warranted for its transmission lines
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17 In Order No. P.U. 5 (2020), the Board stated:
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19 *“The Board is satisfied that Newfoundland Power’s current practices are*
20 *reasonable in the circumstances. The Board believes that it may be appropriate*
21 *for Newfoundland Power to review its practices upon the completion of the*
22 *second inspection cycle in relation to Hydro’s test and treat program.”*²
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24 Consistent with the Board’s findings, Newfoundland Power intends to review its
25 practices and evaluate the adoption of a test and treat program following the completion
26 of Hydro’s program in 2023.

¹ See Newfoundland Power’s *2020 Capital Budget Application*, Brief of Argument, December 11, 2019, page 37.

² See Order No. P.U. 5 (2020), page 22, lines 24-27.