

1 Q. **Reference: Volume II, 2022 Capital Projects over \$500,000, Wood Pole Management**
2 **Program (2022), Appendix A, page A-1, Table A-1.**

3 Please provide basis for the estimated increase in the pole rejection rate in 2024, 2025 and
4 2026.

5

6

7 A. The Iowa Curve provided in Appendix A¹ is used to estimate future pole rejection rates. The lines
8 scheduled for inspection in 2024, 2025, and 2026 are of ages that result in estimated rejection
9 rates of 2.9%, 3.9%, and 3.3%, respectively.

¹ "2022 Capital Budget Application," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, rev. September 17, 2021 (originally filed August 2, 2021), vol. II, tab 12, app. A, at p. A-1, fig. A-1.