

1 **Q. Reference: “2022 Capital Budget Application,” Newfoundland Power, May 18,**
 2 **2021, Volume 1, Section 3.1, Transmission Line Rebuild**

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 4 **Does Newfoundland Power plan to test a portion of poles removed to build a**
 5 **condition assessment database for the purpose of establishing a maintenance**
 6 **program? If not, why not?**

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 8 A. No, Newfoundland Power does not plan to test a portion of poles removed to build a
 9 condition assessment database.

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 11 Newfoundland Power has already established a maintenance program for its transmission
 12 lines. Transmission lines are inspected in accordance with the Company’s *Transmission*
 13 *Inspection and Maintenance Practices*. Transmission line maintenance is completed
 14 under the *Transmission Line Maintenance and 3rd Party Relocations* project.¹

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 16 In Order No. P.U. 5 (2020), the Board stated:

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 18 *“The Board is satisfied that Newfoundland Power’s current practices are*
 19 *reasonable in the circumstances. The Board believes that it may be*
 20 *appropriate for Newfoundland Power to review its practices upon the*
 21 *completion of the second inspection cycle in relation to Hydro’s test and*
 22 *treat program.”²*

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 24 In Order No. P.U. 37 (2020), the Board stated:

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 26 *“The Board remains satisfied that changes with respect to Newfoundland*
 27 *Power’s transmission line testing practices are not necessary at this time*
 28 *but that it may be appropriate for Newfoundland Power to review its*
 29 *practices upon the completion of Hydro’s test and treat program in*
 30 *2023.”³*

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 32 Consistent with the findings of the Board, Newfoundland Power will review its practices
 33 upon completion of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s program to determine whether
 34 changes are necessary.

¹ See the 2022 Capital Budget Application, Schedule B, pages 21 to 22.

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

³ Order No. P.U. 37 (2020), page 15, lines 4 to 7.