

1 Q. **Re Perform Wood Pole Line Management Program (B-41)**

2 With respect to Appendix B of the report at Tab 16, what is the basis for not
3 scheduling the inspection of the poles in accordance with their age - i.e. inspect the
4 oldest poles first? For instance, Appendix "B" indicates that Hydro is intending to
5 inspect TL 260 poles of 1990 vintage in 2010 and 2011 while leaving 1966 TL 201
6 poles until 2012 and beyond.

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9 A. Although the main criterion for developing the inspection schedule is the age of the
10 transmission line, other factors including the condition of the line and location may
11 also be considered. For a particular line, the inspection and treatment program will
12 begin at age 20 to ensure that the preservative levels in the poles are maintained at
13 an adequate level.

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15 That being said, the first inspection of TL-201 was completed 2005 and the TL-201
16 inspections in 2012 and beyond represent the second inspection cycle of this line.
17 The inspection of poles on TL-260 in 2010 and 2011 represent the first inspection of
18 this line at age 20. This follows the philosophy of inspecting the lines in accordance
19 with their age.