

- 1 **Q. (Technical Conference – Issue 2) With respect to the proposed transmission**  
2 **line 55L rebuild project, how will Newfoundland Power dispose of old poles? Is**  
3 **this cost/estimated included in the economic assessment and, if so, provide**  
4 **particulars?**  
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- 6 A. The disposal of the old poles from the *Transmission Line 55L Rebuild* project will be  
7 carried out by the Company's contractor in an environmentally responsible manner in  
8 accordance with industry standards and government regulations.  
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- 10 No, the cost associated with the disposal of poles is not included in the project cost or  
11 the economic assessment of alternatives.<sup>1</sup> Under the Company's approved depreciation  
12 methodology, dismantling costs are included as net salvage and recovered through  
13 depreciation rates throughout the entire service life of the asset.

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<sup>1</sup> The cost associated with the disposal of the old poles for the *Transmission Line 55L Rebuild* project is common to all alternatives and are not significant enough to impact the results of the net present value analysis if included.