

- 1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-128d)**
2 **It is stated "Newfoundland Power is unable to confirm future trends in**
3 **contractor pricing." How does NP determine whether to do the work itself,**
4 **including the hiring of additional staff, versus contracting the work out?**
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- 6 A. Newfoundland Power completes transmission and distribution line work using a
7 combination of employees and contractors. This approach allows Newfoundland Power
8 to maintain a highly skilled workforce and reasonable flexibility to respond to variations
9 in work requirements.
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11 Capital work, such as transmission line rebuilds, are completed through a combination of
12 Newfoundland Power's internal workforce and contractors depending on: project
13 location, accessibility, construction type, resource availability and required vehicles and
14 equipment. Generally, when a rebuild project is easily accessible and is of single pole
15 construction, it is completed using internal resources. An example of this would be a
16 roadside transmission line rebuild located in the City of St. John's. However, when a
17 rebuild project is in a remote location with poor access, requires specialized vehicles and
18 additional equipment, and is of H-frame construction, it is typically completed using
19 contracted resources.