

- 1 **Q. Further to the responses to PUB-NP-048 and PUB-NP-051:**  
2 **a) Please explain why there is an increase in the kilometers of transmission lines to**  
3 **be re-built for 2026 over 2025 if 85% of the transmission lines have been**  
4 **completed and the age profile of the wooden support structures is now**  
5 **favourable?**  
6 **b) Please explain whether Newfoundland Power intends to review its Transmission**  
7 **Line Rebuild Strategy now that it is 85% complete.**  
8 **c) Please provide an update on discussions with Newfoundland Hydro with respect**  
9 **to potential benefits of implementation of the wood pole line management**  
10 **practices currently employed by Newfoundland Hydro.**
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- 12 **A. a) There is an increase in the kilometres of transmission lines to be addressed as part of**  
13 **the *Transmission Line Rebuild Strategy* (the “Strategy”) because the remaining**  
14 **transmission lines to be completed include three 138 kV H-frame construction**  
15 **transmission lines. The extended line length for these rebuilds, and the 138 kV**  
16 **H-frame construction, are the primary drivers for the increase in transmission**  
17 **expenditures.**
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- 19 **b) The Strategy originally submitted with Newfoundland Power’s *2006 Capital Budget***  
20 ***Application* outlined a long-term plan for rebuilding the Company’s aging and**  
21 **deteriorated transmission lines. There are five transmission lines remaining to be**  
22 **addressed as part of the Strategy.<sup>1</sup> Newfoundland Power reviews the Strategy each**  
23 **year as part of its annual capital planning process. The review prioritizes transmission**  
24 **line rebuild projects based on the methodology outlined in the Strategy and**  
25 **incorporates the results of the Company’s annual transmission line inspections.**
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- 27 **The Company intends to review its approach to managing its transmission assets**  
28 **following the conclusion of the Company’s ongoing asset management review. Any**  
29 **potential development of a revised or alternative plan beyond the Strategy would be**  
30 **included as part of a future capital budget application.**
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- 32 **c) Discussions with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro with respect to the results of its**  
33 **wood pole line management program remain ongoing to understand the benefits and**  
34 **applicability to Newfoundland Power’s transmission assets. Newfoundland Power is**  
35 **currently assessing the potential costs and benefits of a test and treat program for**  
36 **transmission wood poles.**

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<sup>1</sup> See the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-045, Attachment A, page A-31. Three of the five remaining transmission line rebuilds are included in the schedule. The final two transmission line rebuilds, 105L and 35L, are currently scheduled for rebuild in 2029.