

1 **Q. (Reference Schedule B, Rebuild Distribution Lines)**

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3 **Why is GBY-01 included in the set of distribution feeders to be inspected in**
4 **2026 with planned preventative maintenance in 2027, given that NP plans to**
5 **spend \$1,360,000 on refurbishment of GBY-01 in 2027 and 2028? Was not**
6 **GBY-01 fully inspected in order to determine the scope of the proposed**
7 **refurbishment?**
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9 **A.** The list of distribution feeders identified for inspection in 2026 under the *Rebuild*
10 *Distribution Lines* program is generated using Newfoundland Power's current asset
11 management technology. The list identifies distribution feeders scheduled for inspection
12 based on the Company's seven-year maintenance cycle, in accordance with its
13 *Distribution Inspection and Maintenance Practices* (the "Practices").
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15 Distribution feeders being considered for future capital investment may also receive
16 supplemental inspections outside of the routine seven year inspection cycle, as stipulated
17 in the Practices,¹ to support the Company's annual capital planning process.²
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19 Distribution feeder GBY-01 received a supplemental inspection to support the
20 development of a detailed estimate for capital planning purposes. However, the feeder's
21 last routine inspection was completed in 2019 and, consistent with the Practices, it is due
22 for its next scheduled inspection in 2026.
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24 In addition, the proposed refurbishment of distribution feeder GBY-01 is limited to
25 14 kilometres of the feeder's approximate 30-kilometre length, including the section
26 crossing the Route 331 causeway. The scope of the proposed refurbishment included in
27 the *2027 Capital Budget Application* was informed by the 2024 supplemental inspection
28 and does not eliminate the need for a routine inspection of the entire feeder in
29 accordance with the Practices.
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31 For an overview of the Company's distribution maintenance practices, see the response
32 to Request for Information PUB-NP-004.

¹ The Practices provide that "*Managers of Regional Engineering have the discretion to have more frequent inspections done if time and manpower allow.*"

² See the *2027 Capital Budget Application, 2027 Capital Budget Overview*, section 2.2.3.