

1 **Q. The 2001 Evidence says at page 6 that:**

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3 *“The proposed acquisition reflects the parties’ intention that Newfoundland Power have*
4 *exclusive responsibility for Support Structures. Newfoundland Power and Aliant have*
5 *been moving in this direction for some time.”*
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7 **Will Newfoundland Power have primary responsibility for the maintenance of Joint**
8 **Use Support Structures after 2011?**
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10 **A. No.**
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12 After 2011, Newfoundland Power will have responsibility for the maintenance of the
13 Joint Use Support Structures it owns and Bell Aliant will have primary responsibility for
14 the maintenance of the Joint Use Support Structures it owns.
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16 Both parties will be required to maintain their Joint Use Support Structures in accordance
17 with the standards provided for in the 2011 Joint Use Agreement. These maintenance
18 standards are the same as those currently used by Newfoundland Power.
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20 The parties may agree to co-operative arrangements to discharge their respective
21 maintenance responsibilities and lower their respective maintenance costs. The benefits
22 of any such arrangements entered into by Newfoundland Power which will increase the
23 benefits to Newfoundland Power and its customers associated with the new Joint Use
24 Regime, however, are not reflected in any analysis before the Board at this time.¹
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26 Regardless of pole ownership, Newfoundland Power will continue to be responsible for
27 the operation and maintenance of all electrical distribution facilities within its service
28 area.

¹ Please refer to the Response to Request for Information PUB-NP-35.