

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?**

9 A. No.

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11 After 2011, Newfoundland Power will have responsibility for the maintenance of the
12 Joint Use Support Structures it owns and Bell Aliant will have primary responsibility for
13 the maintenance of the Joint Use Support Structures it owns.

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15 Both parties will be required to maintain their Joint Use Support Structures in accordance
16 with the standards provided for in the 2011 Joint Use Agreement. These maintenance
17 standards are the same as those currently used by Newfoundland Power.

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19 The parties may agree to co-operative arrangements to discharge their respective
20 maintenance responsibilities and lower their respective maintenance costs. The benefits
21 of any such arrangements entered into by Newfoundland Power which will increase the
22 benefits to Newfoundland Power and its customers associated with the new Joint Use
23 Regime, however, are not reflected in any analysis before the Board at this time.¹

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25 Regardless of pole ownership, Newfoundland Power will continue to be responsible for
26 the operation and maintenance of all electrical distribution facilities within its service
27 area.

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