

Q. Please describe Newfoundland Power's transmission line inspections and transmission pole inspection and treatments policies and practices. In the response include who completes the inspection and whether Newfoundland Power has a formal policy stating the number of inspections to be completed each year and the expected inspection completion rate, how the inspections are tracked, the top level of management who monitors the completions consistent with policy and/or schedules and the title of the person held accountable for the completion of the inspection work consistent with the policy and the schedule. If transmission pole inspections are conducted, state the percent of poles inspected which have been rejected each year and replaced each year for 2011, 2012, and 2013.

A. Newfoundland Power's Transmission Inspection and Maintenance Practices policy was filed in the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-060. The policy specifies who is responsible for conducting the inspections, the frequency of transmission line inspections and how the inspections are tracked. It is Newfoundland Power's expectation that all required inspections and maintenance be completed in the year they are scheduled.

The percentage of inspected poles that were rejected and the percentage of rejected poles that have been replaced for the period from 2011 to 2013 are detailed in Table 1.

Table 1
Transmission Line Inspections

	<u>% of Poles Rejected</u>	<u>% of Rejected Poles Replaced</u>
2011	0.29%	100%
2012	0.19%	85%
2013	0.34%	15% ¹

Every effort is made to replace poles, based on priority, in either the current year or the next budget year. It is expected that those outstanding from 2012 and 2013 will be completed in 2014.

The Superintendents of Operations and Engineering ensure that inspections are completed and any identified deficiencies and hazards are corrected in accordance with the Company's practices.

¹ Poles identified in 2013 that are not in need of immediate replacement are typically planned to be replaced in 2014.

1 At the senior management level, the Company's Regional Managers are ultimately
2 responsible for ensuring that transmission line inspection and maintenance activities are
3 completed in their respective regions in accordance with the Company's practices.

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5 Details on monitoring and accountability are outlined in the response to Request for
6 Information PUB-NP-136.

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8 Newfoundland Power does not conduct re-treatment or remediation of preservative on
9 poles in service.