

1 Q. **Reference: Project 8: Widen Right of Way (2026 - 2028) Gros Morne National Park**

2 Page 2, lines 3-5.

3 “Trees at the edges of ROWs tend to fall toward TLs when they become unstable due to erosion
4 of the cleared area. In narrow ROWs, these trees often fall onto the energized lines, resulting in
5 forced outages, potential forest fires, and risks to public safety. Such occurrences are known as
6 tree contacts.”

7 How does Hydro deal with trees at the edges of ROWs for transmission lines in other parts of its
8 service territory?

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11 A. When trees at the edge of right-of-ways (“ROW”) begin to lean toward a transmission line, as
12 observed during routine inspections, they are removed as soon as possible if they are tall
13 enough to fall onto the transmission line. This is true for all transmission lines, both within and
14 outside of Gros Morne National Park (“Park”).

15 It is rare to find trees at risk of falling on transmission lines in the wider ROWs outside of the
16 Park. For context, from 2015–2024, there was one service disruption to transmission lines
17 outside of the Park due to tree contacts,¹ while there were 16 tree contacts on the lines
18 proposed for widening.

¹ This outage was on TL251 for a duration of ten minutes in September 2016.