

- 1 **Q. In the Phase II Final Report of the Liberty Consulting Group at page 61 thereof,**  
2 **Liberty identified five procurement categories such as Vegetation Management**  
3 **Contractors, Wood Pole Installation Contractors, T & D Constructions and**  
4 **Maintenance Contractors, Distribution Transformer Purchases and Electrical**  
5 **Supplies Purchases and noted significant annual spending by both utilities in**  
6 **relation to these categories. Liberty then stated as follows “we consider these five**  
7 **categories worth specific pursuit with both existing vendor and supplier**  
8 **communities and those who may find the efforts to pursue business on the island**  
9 **more attractive under combined volumes.” Can Newfoundland Power confirm that**  
10 **it has commenced any communication with Hydro in relation to this joint**  
11 **procurement recommendation by Liberty.**
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- 13 A. Newfoundland Power confirms that it has commenced communication with Hydro in  
14 relation to The Liberty Consulting Group’s recommendation on joint procurement. This  
15 communication has included general discussion of practical opportunities for joint  
16 procurement between the two utilities and potential barriers that may exist to  
17 implementing such opportunities.