

1 **Q. (Reference Application Volume 2, LGL-02 Distribution Feeder Refurbishment,**
2 **page 4) Why was a non-wood pole solution not used when the hydro facility was**
3 **constructed in 1998?**
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5 A. Alternatives to wood poles at the time of the original construction in 1998 are unknown.
6 Since 1998, technological advancements have improved non-wood pole products,
7 industry usage and economics. A non-wood pole solution was assessed to be least cost
8 for this application.¹

¹ See the 2021 Capital Budget Application, Volume 2, report 4.3 LGL-02 Distribution Feeder Refurbishment, page 4.