

1 Q. **RE: p. B-32** Provide better particulars to explain why replacements of only
2 defective insulators or a phased replacement program, for this transmission
3 line, would be less cost effective than the proposed full replacement at this
4 time.

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7 A. At the current failure rate of COB insulators, numerous mobilizations to the
8 line would be required to replace individual insulators versus a one-time
9 mobilization to the line for a full replacement. Quite often labor and
10 equipment to install insulators is more expensive than the purchase price of
11 the insulators.

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13 The overriding justification for this project is that this line connects the 75MW
14 Hinds Lake generation plant to the system. Loss of this line would isolate
15 that capacity and impact the supply of power to customers.