

1 B-65 Upgrade Distribution Feeders

2 Q. In response to PUB 17 NLH, the cost data for the upgrading of the St.
3 Anthony distribution line varies from a low of \$7,181/Km to a high of
4 \$89,344/Km.
5 Please provide an explanation of why there is such a large range for the unit
6 cost.

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9 A. The scope of work required to upgrade each feeder varies from one to the
10 other. Different feeders require different numbers of poles, insulators,
11 hardware, or conductor replacements per kilometer. This varied scope of
12 work in combination with the varied terrain and road access conditions, the
13 season of the year the work is being completed, and the variability in outages
14 and temporary generation requirements, result in different unit costs. Each
15 project is unique, so attempting to analyze unit costs is not meaningful.