

1 B-65 Upgrade Distribution Feeders

2 Q. Provide suggestions for how the unit cost data for this type of work can be
3 normalized to allow for useful and meaningful comparison between capital
4 budgets.

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7 A. Due to variability in the scope of work required to upgrade each feeder, in the
8 terrain conditions, in the access from the road, and in seasons of the year
9 that the work is being completed, it is not possible to normalize the unit cost
10 data. Each feeder is assessed for the scope of work and is a project onto
11 itself. Different feeders require different numbers of poles, insulators,
12 hardware, or conductor replacements per kilometer. For all the factors
13 mentioned above, the unit costs can vary considerably from one feeder to the
14 next and, therefore, unit cost data cannot be normalized or used in any
15 meaningful way to compare these types of capital projects.