

Distribution

Q. Explain why the 2004 budget for “Rebuild Distribution Lines” (B-48) is eighty-five percent (85%) higher than the previous five year historical average?

A. There are primarily two factors contributing to the increase in this project.

Items such as Replace Transformers, Install Lightning Arrestors, Install Current Limiting Fuses and Install Cutouts were previously reported under other Project Titles. In an effort to improve the accuracy of reporting fieldwork and to increase productivity & efficiency, these items have been moved under the “Rebuild Distribution Lines” Project Title.

As outlined in Schedule B, page 48, this project addresses areas where the risk of failure due to deterioration or where safety concerns have been identified by regular inspections, engineering reviews or day-to-day operations. The process involves prioritization by risk assessment for the projects identified. This has resulted in the need for additional work of varying degrees, involving 56 of 300 distribution feeders for 2004.