Q. 2004 Capital Expenditure Status Report

PUB 70.0 RE: Board Order P.U. 36(2002-2003), p. 15, Transmission, paragraph 2

 In accepting the proposal of NP to retire line 17L and upgrade line 24L, the Board indicated that monitoring the reliability and outage statistics for the Southern Shore area would determine whether there would be any adverse effect as a result of the change. Please provide the SAIDI and SAIFI statistics for line 24L since the upgrade of line 24L and the retirement of line 17L.

A. The noted project involved the retirement of the former transmission line 17L that connected Goulds and Mobile Substations, and the rebuilding of transmission line 24L, which formerly connected Goulds, Big Pond and Mobile Substations. The project was completed in January 2004. The rebuilt transmission line between Big Pond and Mobile Substations is now designated as 24L and the rebuilt line between Goulds and Big Pond Substations is designated as 17L.

 Since the completion of the project, there have been no outages experienced on the rebuilt line 24L or the new line 17L. As a result, the SAIDI and SAIFI statistics for the substations serviced by these transmission lines have not been affected by any outage originating on these transmission lines, and the relevant SAIDI and SAIFI figures are at zero.

Shortly after the upgrade of 24L was completed, an insulator failure occurred on the transmission line, resulting in a fault. However, the insulator failure did not cause any service interruption to customers.