

1 **Re: 2009 Capital Projects \$200,000 - \$500,000 p. D-78 - Right of Way Surveys**

2 Q. a) Are the surveys proposed on page D-78 related exclusively to the
3 acquisition of easements Provincial Crown Land?

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5 b) Is NLH aware of an instance in which the Provincial Crown has refused
6 NLH access to Crown Lands in order to perform maintenance on its lines?

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8 c) Is NLH aware of an instance in which private occupants of Crown Land, or
9 other private land owners, attempted to challenge NLH's access to Crown
10 Land?

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13 A. a) Yes, the sole purpose of these surveys is to obtain easements over crown
14 land to prevent other parties from getting title to the land.

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16 b) In no instance has the Provincial Crown refused Hydro access to Crown
17 Lands.

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19 c) Upon purchase of Crown Land, a resident receives title and it becomes
20 private land. Although Hydro's access to Crown Land has not been directly
21 challenged, private land owners have requested Hydro to move poles and
22 lines off private land in instances where Hydro has not acquired easements.
23 Hydro has obliged since it has no right to cross the land to access the poles
24 and lines.