

1 **Q. Please confirm that customers of Newfoundland Power will not be worse off as the result of**  
2 **any co-operative arrangements entered into for future inspection and maintenance activities**  
3 **respect the Joint Use of Support Structures.**

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5 A. It is confirmed.

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7 The customers of Newfoundland Power will not be worse off as the result of any co-  
8 operative arrangements entered into for future inspection and maintenance activities with  
9 respect to the Joint Use of Support Structures.

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11 One possible example where such co-operative arrangements might provide customer  
12 benefits is in the area of scheduled inspections. In the Response to Request for  
13 Information PUB-NP-49, it was indicated that Newfoundland Power will continue to  
14 inspect the electricity fixtures on all Joint Use Support Structures, whether owned by Bell  
15 Aliant or Newfoundland Power.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, Newfoundland Power must travel to all  
16 Joint Use Support Structures in the normal course of conducting inspections.

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18 Bell Aliant must have its Joint Use Support Structures inspected in accordance with the  
19 2011 JUA. This can be achieved by either Bell Aliant conducting its own inspections or  
20 by agreeing to a co-operative arrangement with Newfoundland Power to conduct the  
21 inspections during its already scheduled inspections of electricity fixtures on the Joint  
22 Use Support Structures of Bell Aliant.

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24 While the provision of inspections of the Joint Use Support Structures of Bell Aliant  
25 would obviously have a cost to Newfoundland Power, little if any, additional  
26 mobilization cost would be incurred to perform the inspections of the Joint Use Support  
27 Structures. This situation provides a potential opportunity for both parties to achieve  
28 savings though a co-operative arrangement in the provision of inspection services.

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30 The foregoing logic underpins Newfoundland Power's evidence that its customers will  
31 likely be better off as a result of any co-operative arrangements entered into for future  
32 inspection and maintenance activities with respect to the Joint Use of Support Structures.

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<sup>1</sup> See Response to Request for Information PUB-NP-49, lines 14 to 16.