

1 **Q. Section 12 of the Administration Practices states that the Joint Use Agreement, the**
2 **Administration Practices, the Construction Practices, and the Maintenance**
3 **Practices can be amended by the signing authorities listed in that section. Will the**
4 **Board be advised of any amendments and their impact on customers?**
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6 A. Provisions similar to Section 12 of the Administration Practices were also contained in
7 predecessor Joint Use agreements between the parties, including the Joint Use Facilities
8 Partnership Agreement (“JUFPA”). The referenced section contemplates such routine
9 matters as amendments to structural value tables to reflect current costs and amendments
10 to construction practices to reflect revised construction and design standards.
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12 The provisions of the Administration Practices are conditions established by agreement
13 for the shared use of Newfoundland Power’s poles consistent with Section 53 of the
14 *Public Utilities Act* (the “Act”). Such routine amendments facilitate the ongoing efficient
15 administration of Joint Use and ensure that the terms and conditions governing Joint Use
16 continue to be reasonable consistent with Section 53 of the Act. The contemplated
17 amendments would not be expected to have a material impact on customers. Historically,
18 such amendments have not been reported to the Board.
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20 For example, when the JUFPA was established in 2001, there was a uniform Canadian
21 Standards Association (“CSA”) design standard for ice loading on electricity distribution
22 lines throughout Newfoundland Power’s service territory. In 2002, the CSA changed the
23 ice loading standard applicable to future distribution line construction on the Avalon and
24 Bonavista Peninsulas¹ from the existing “Heavy Loading” standard to a “Severe
25 Loading” standard.
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27 This design standard change required an amendment of Section 16 – Construction
28 Practices of the Administration Practices to add a second schedule to specify the guying
29 arrangements for typical structures in severe ice loading areas. The second schedule
30 provided for increased anchor setting depths and modified anchor placement dimensions.
31 This amendment had no material impact on customers.
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33 Newfoundland Power would not consider it necessary to advise the Board of such routine
34 amendments unless the Board directed the Company to do so.

¹ Newfoundland Power has extended the CSA “severe loading” designation to transmission lines on the Burin Peninsula and Bonavista North as a result of experience with ice loading in these areas.