

1 **Q. PUB-NP-8 discusses the information that will be considered when determining the**
2 **specific support structures to be transferred to Bell Aliant. Please provide further**
3 **specifics setting out all the factors that will be considered, including those that may**
4 **be identified during the pole survey, and the priority or weighting to be given to the**
5 **factors.**

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7 **A. A. General**

8 The response to Request for Information PUB-NP-8 outlines all factors that will be
9 considered in determining the specific Support Structures to be transferred to Bell Aliant.
10 Since the start of the pole count survey in early April, no additional factors have been
11 identified by either party that will be considered when determining specific Support
12 Structures that will be transferred to Bell Aliant.

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14 All factors will be balanced such that the Joint Use Support Structures to be transferred to
15 Bell Aliant will comprise an equitable proportional representation of Newfoundland
16 Power's Joint Use Support Structures and will comprise 40% of Newfoundland Power's
17 embedded cost of Joint Use Support Structures.

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19 A representative profile of the Joint Use Support Structures to be sold to Bell Aliant is
20 outlined in the Response to Request for Information PUB-NP-10.

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22 **B. Process**

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24 Upon completion of the pole count survey, Newfoundland Power and Bell Aliant will
25 jointly review the field data collected during the pole survey and determine the specific
26 Support Structures to be transferred to Bell Aliant.¹ All factors will be balanced such that
27 Bell Aliant receives 40% of Joint Use Support Structures which:

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29 1. in aggregate have similar characteristics in terms of age and height to those retained
30 by Newfoundland Power;
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32 2. have similar geographic distribution in terms of location throughout the service
33 territory, including an equitable split in terms of front lot versus rear lot and off road
34 locations; and
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36 3. contain 40% of the third party attachments equitably split over the service territory.

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38 The avoidance of mixed ownership to the extent it is practical will also be considered.²

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40 Newfoundland Power and Bell Aliant will then use Newfoundland Power's plant
41 accounting data to confirm that the Support Structures identified to be transferred account

¹ See Response to Request for Information PUB-NP-7 for the list of field information that will be collected during the pole survey.

² See Response to Request for Information PUB-NP-31 and PUB-NP-32 for more information on the avoidance of mixed ownership of poles.

1 for 40% of Newfoundland Power's embedded cost of Joint Use Support Structures. If the
2 Support Structures initially identified to be transferred do not represent 40% of the
3 embedded cost, then adjustments will be made in the Support Structures to be sold using
4 the factors indicated until this requirement is met.