

1 **Q. In the 2001 Evidence at page 7 the following is stated**

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3 *“The goal of improving efficiency by allowing the parties to capture the economies of scale*
4 *of a single pole ownership will only be realized if all Support Structures are included.”*
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6 **Are the non-joint use poles owned by Fortis to be sold to Bell Aliant as well?**

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8 **A.** By an agreement dated December 22, 2010, Fortis Inc. (“Fortis”) agreed to sell to Bell
9 Aliant all of its non-joint use poles to which Bell Aliant is attached.

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11 In accordance with the terms of their agreement, Bell Aliant paid the purchase price to
12 Fortis on December 30, 2010. Bell Aliant’s obligation to pay rentals to Fortis in respect
13 of its attachments to the poles ceased effective December 31, 2010.

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15 The agreement provides for the closing of the purchase and sale transaction at a date and
16 time to be mutually determined by the parties following the completion of a pole count
17 survey, but no later than December 31, 2011.