

1 Q. With reference to the Project **E-113, Legal Survey of Primary Distribution Line**
2 **Right of Way**, Hydro, according to the Table 3 Budget History has already expended
3 over \$300,000 on this project since 2007, and expects to additionally expend almost
4 \$2.0 million over the 2012-2021 period to complete the project. Has Hydro
5 approached the Provincial Government to determine whether there is a more cost-
6 efficient and time-efficient way by which Hydro may be granted the necessary
7 easement rights over Crown land?

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10 A. In early 2011, Hydro personnel met with the Director of Crown Lands to help find a
11 solution but were informed that workloads and staff shortages including a shortage
12 of professional surveyors in the province were an issue and that there was a
13 backlog within the department. Hydro was informed that it must follow the Crown
14 Land process, but high priority requests for land may be expedited.