

1 Q. **Asset Management**

2 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-095 which indicates that Hydro replaced about
3 2,850 distribution poles in the last 5 years. What usually triggered these pole
4 replacements? Was it from distribution line assessments resulting from distribution
5 inspections, or something else?

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8 A. The vast majority of pole replacements are triggered by distribution line condition
9 assessments through regularly scheduled inspections. In some cases, poles have
10 been replaced if a line crew came upon a pole that was in obvious need of
11 replacement (structural damage for example), if a pole was deemed unsuitable for
12 a transformer installation, if a new pole was required for additional third party
13 attachments or for other reasons requiring a longer or newer pole.