

Q. Further to the response to PUB-NP-062, were each year's backlogged transmission component repair/replacement items (from 5 to 44 items between 2011 and 2013) completed in the following year? Were they done as higher priority repairs or were they included in clustered capital refurbishment projects?

A. Newfoundland Power replaces deteriorated and damaged equipment on a priority basis. Equipment that has been determined to have a high potential to cause an outage or presents a safety hazard is addressed sooner than equipment that is less likely to cause an outage or safety incident. To maintain reliability, work that is more likely to cause an outage is addressed quickly. Only work that is deemed less critical may be backlogged.

All backlogged work orders are reviewed regularly and scheduled based on priority.

Approximately 75% of all backlogged transmission work orders over the 2011 to 2013 period were completed in the following year.¹ The remaining 25% were completed in later years.² Table 1 shows the breakdown of work orders completed in the following year and those completed in a later year.

Table 1
Backlogged Work Orders

Year	Backlog	Completed Following Year	Completed Later
2011	36	19	17
2012	44	40	4
2013	5	5	0

The jobs were completed as clustered capital projects. Items that did not get completed were backlogged until an appropriate opportunity to complete the work arose, such as a planned outage.

¹ For 2013 100% of backlogged work orders have been completed in 2014.

² These items were reviewed as part of the line inspection the following year, and the Planner completing the inspection would have the opportunity to increase priority if warranted.