

1 Q. **Reference: Failure Investigation Report – L3501/2 Tower and Conductor Damage, Icing Event**  
2 **January 2021 in Labrador (January 2021 Icing Event Report), page 71.**

3 Is the fact that with unbalanced load it is possible for the insulator to swing and contact the  
4 conductor considered a design deficiency? What steps is Hydro taking to eliminate this  
5 condition?

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8 A. It was determined that an unbalanced ice load with a difference of 4.5 kg/m is required to cause  
9 the electrode insulator assembly to swing to the extent it will contact the conductor. The  
10 Labrador-Island Link was designed for an unbalanced ice load with a difference of 2.1 kg/m. The  
11 larger difference in ice load was outside the parameters of the original design loading and  
12 insulator assembly design and is thus not considered a design deficiency. This occurrence is not  
13 thought to have contributed to the failure of the conductor as a small dent in the conductor will  
14 not decrease the conductor's tensile strength. There are no plans to modify the insulator  
15 assembly as the occurrence is not thought to have contributed to the failure.