

1 Q. **Reference: Volume II, Wood Pole Line Management Program - Various, Tab 11, page 4, line 3**

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3 There are no alternatives for undertaking the activities outlined in this program.

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5 Has Hydro completed a survey of wood pole management programs for transmission utilities
6 across Canada? If yes, please provide the results of the survey. If not, why not?

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9 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) has not conducted a survey of wood pole
10 management programs for transmission utilities across Canada; however, Hydro conducted
11 significant research into utility practices in both Canada and the United States when establishing
12 the Wood Pole Line Management Program in the early 2000s. Hydro has kept up-to-date with
13 industry best practices in the years since through its involvement with utility industry technical
14 working groups.

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16 Please refer to Attachment 1 of Hydro’s response to NP-NLH-039. In this report¹ it was
17 concluded that Hydro’s Wood Pole Line Management Program is aligned with many utilities’
18 best practices in North America. This is based on a CEATI² survey conducted in 2012 by the Wind
19 and Ice Storm Mitigation Interest Group.

¹ “2019 Capital Budget Application,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, October 9, 2018 (rev. 1), originally filed July 31, 2018, “2019 Capital Plan,” app. C.

² Centre for Energy Advancement through Technological Innovation (“CEATI”).