

1 **Q. It was stated at the Technical Conference that line inspectors are NP employees.**  
2 **Does Hydro also have line inspectors? Is it necessary for both utilities to have their**  
3 **own line inspectors?**  
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5 A. The discussion that took place during the technical conference held on November 14,  
6 2019, was neither recorded nor transcribed. Unless expressly indicated in the response to  
7 this Request for Information, Newfoundland Power is not to be taken to have adopted the  
8 wording of any statement attributed to it in the question.  
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10 Newfoundland Power's transmission line inspections are completed by Company  
11 employees classified as Planner Transmission and Distribution ("Planners") that must be  
12 either trained as a Power Line Technician or an Electrical Engineering Technologist. The  
13 qualification requirements for Planners to complete transmission line inspections is  
14 detailed on page 4 of Newfoundland Power's *Transmission Inspection and Maintenance*  
15 *Practices* filed as Attachment B to the response to Request for Information NLH-NP-001.  
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17 In addition to transmission line inspections, Planners also perform distribution line  
18 inspections, the planning of corrective action for identified deficiencies and contractor  
19 supervision. Planners are also responsible for implementation of the Company's  
20 vegetation management program, which includes determining tree trimming and brush  
21 clearing requirements, planning work tasks and supervising vegetation management  
22 contractors.  
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24 Hydro indicated at the November 20, 2019 technical conference on Hydro's *2020 Capital*  
25 *Budget Application*, that its transmission line inspections are completed by Power Line  
26 Technicians. Newfoundland Power does not know whether Hydro has staff dedicated  
27 solely to completing line inspections.  
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29 Newfoundland Power's employees who complete transmission line inspections are  
30 necessary to ensure the Company's transmission lines continue to operate in a safe and  
31 reliable manner. Newfoundland Power cannot comment specifically on Hydro's human  
32 resource requirements. However, Hydro is also obliged to operate its transmission line  
33 assets in a safe and reliable manner.