

1 **Q. (Reference Application, 2023 – 2027 Capital Plan, page 7) It is stated “Other**
2 ***deficiencies are corrected in a planned manner through the Rebuild***
3 ***Distribution Lines program and individual refurbishment projects for feeders***
4 ***where deterioration is most pronounced. The distribution system is also***
5 ***maintained through the longstanding Distribution Reliability Initiative, which***
6 ***targets the worst performing feeders for capital investment.” Why are these***
7 **separated into two programs rather than combined into a single program?**
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9 A. The *Distribution Reliability Initiative* is a project, while *Rebuild Distribution Lines* is a
10 program. The project and program have fundamentally different scopes, which resulted
11 in the categorization noted. The *Distribution Reliability Initiative* project is in response
12 to reliability issues already experienced in specific areas of the Company’s service
13 territory as identified through reliability metrics. The *Rebuild Distribution Lines* program
14 is part of the Company’s preventative maintenance program focused on components
15 that are identified as deteriorated through inspection.
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17 For example, the proposed 2023 *Distribution Reliability Initiative* targets the
18 refurbishment of a 6.5 kilometre section of distribution feeder SUM-01. The inspection
19 completed as part of the engineering review of *Distribution Reliability Initiative* identified
20 that equipment failures on this section of feeder were the cause of the poor service
21 reliability experienced by customers on distribution feeder SUM-01. The engineering
22 review determined that this 6.5 kilometre section would benefit from a *Distribution*
23 *Reliability Initiative* refurbishment. The remaining deficiencies outside of this
24 6.5 kilometre section will be addressed in the *Rebuild Distribution Lines* program for
25 2023, which also involves the inspection and maintenance of 42 other distribution
26 feeders.
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28 For additional information, see the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-014.