

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application, 3.1 2023 Transmission Line Rebuild, page 3) it is stated**
2 **"Annual maintenance costs for Transmission Line 55L have averaged**
3 **approximately \$56,000 annually since 2017." Please confirm that since 2018**
4 **maintenance costs have averaged less than \$30,000 annually. What was the**
5 **cause of the significant maintenance expenditures in 2017?**
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- 7 A. It is confirmed that since 2018 maintenance has averaged less than \$30,000 annually.¹
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9 The work completed in 2017 was completed as a result of two broken poles resulting
10 from a wind storm. In order to replace these structures a planned outage was required.
11 Since Transmission Line 55L is a radial line, maintenance must be completed either
12 using hot line methods or during planned outages. As a result, other maintenance work
13 was completed on the line during the planned outage.

¹ Due to the large amount of maintenance performed in 2017, no maintenance work was completed in 2018. With 2018 removed, the average yearly maintenance cost from 2019 to 2021 is \$39,700.