

Appendix M

Distribution and Transmission Plant Average Age as of 2003

Distribution Plant Age (Years)

	CMP	BHE	MPS
Poles	26.3	22.4	33.5
Conductors	34.1	33.0	33.5
Transformers	17.9	20.5	30.0
<i>CMP adopted a transformer replacement program pursuant to LD-655</i>			
Reclosers	3.4	11.0	18.1
<i>CMP regularly refurbishes reclosers, and may report refurbished as new, although this is not clear.</i>			
Regulators	15.5	19.6	15.5

Transmission Plant Age (Years)

	CMP	BHE	MPS
Poles	36.9	28.3	31.5
Conductors	39.2	34.4	31.5
Switch Gear	30.8	30.0	22.5
Transformers	27.8	33.0	22.0

Note: MPS combines poles & conductors.