

1 **Q. In reference to the evidence of Philip Hughes, page 9, line 1, wherein reference is**  
2 **made to customer rates, please advise, since 1992, the applications Newfoundland**  
3 **Power has made to the Public Utilities Board to increase customer rates, as stated in**  
4 **original applications and amendments to those applications, noting the percentage**  
5 **of increase, the dollar amount sought, and the reasons given for the increase. Please**  
6 **provide the increase granted in each case in percentage and dollar amounts.**  
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8 A. The evidence of Philip Hughes (Page 9, lines 2 through 5) states that electrical rates  
9 charged to Newfoundland Power's customers have increased by approximately 8 per cent  
10 since 1992. Of this amount, approximately 6.5 per cent is attributable to Newfoundland  
11 and Labrador Hydro, principally on account of fuel (operation of the Rate Stabilization  
12 Account ("RSA")), and approximately 1.5 per cent is attributable to Newfoundland  
13 Power. This overall increase represents the combined result of various rate increases and  
14 decreases since 1992.  
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16 Attachment A provides a summary of changes in electrical rates since 1992. The table in  
17 Attachment A includes the effective date of the rate change, the date of the application to  
18 change rates, the proposed percentage change in rates, the approved percentage change in  
19 rates, the proposed change in revenue from rates, the approved change in revenue from  
20 rates, and the reason for the rate change.

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<b>Summary of Changes in Electrical Rates from January 1, 1992 to September 1, 2002</b>						
Effective Date	Application Date	Per Cent Change (%)		Increase (Decrease) in Revenue from Rates (000s)		Reason
		Proposed	Approved	Proposed	Approved	
Jan 1, 1992	Oct 4, 1991	3.15	2.22	\$10,437	\$7,050	Upgrades to electrical system & increased operating costs
Jul 1, 1992	Jun 24, 1992	0.6	0.6	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA
Jul 1, 1993	Jun 29, 1993	0.3	0.3	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA
Jul 1, 1994	Jun 14, 1994	0.5	0.5	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA
Jul 1, 1995	Jun 19, 1995	(0.7)	(0.7)	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA
Jul 1, 1996	May 24, 1996	1.0	1.0	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA
Jan 1, 1997	Feb 19, 1996 (original)	4.91	--	\$16,568	--	Increase in income tax, depreciation and finance charges
	Apr 29, 1996 (amended)	2.92	0.93	\$9,847	\$3,144	Increase in income tax and finance charges
Apr 1, 1997	Mar 11, 1997	(0.99)	(0.99)	(\$3,362)	(\$3,362)	Harmonized Sales Tax impact
Jul 1, 1997	May 23, 1997	1.2	1.2	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA
Jan 1, 1998	May 25, 1998	na <sup>2</sup>	(2.11)	na <sup>2</sup>	(\$7,111)	Cost of Capital
Jul 1, 1998	May 5, 1998	0.4	0.4	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA
Feb 1, 1999	Sep 11, 1998 (original)	1.48	--	\$4,762	--	Upgrades to electrical system and increased regulatory costs
	Nov 12, 1998 (amended)	1.31	1.16	\$4,217	\$3,913	Upgrades to electrical system and increased regulatory costs
Jul 1, 1999	May 28, 1999	1.1	1.1	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA
Jan 1, 2000	Dec 1, 1999	0.71	0.71	\$2,415	\$2,415	Operation of the Automatic Adjustment Formula
Jul 1, 2000	May 23, 2000	(1.1)	(1.1)	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA
Jul 1, 2001	May 25, 2001	(0.2)	(0.2)	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA
Jan 1, 2002	Dec 7, 2001	(0.56)	(0.56)	(\$1,920)	(\$1,920)	Operation of the Automatic Adjustment Formula
Jul 1, 2002 <sup>4</sup>	May 30, 2002 (original)	3.3	--	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA
	Jun 18, 2002 (amended)	(0.1)	(0.1)	na <sup>1</sup>	na <sup>1</sup>	RSA/MTA

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Summary of Changes in Electrical Rates Since 1992 (cont'd)						
Effective Date	Application Date	Per Cent Change (%)		Increase (Decrease) in Revenue from Rates (000s)		Reason
		Proposed	Approved	Proposed	Approved	
Sep 1, 2002	Aug 12, 2002 (original)	4.0 <sup>3</sup>	--	na <sup>3</sup>	--	Flow through of increased purchase power costs from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro
	Aug 23, 2002 (amended) <sup>4</sup>	3.68	3.68	\$12,569	12,569	Flow through of increased purchase power costs from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

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<sup>1</sup> The Company does not request approval of a specific dollar amount related to the annual July 1<sup>st</sup> RSA/MTA changes.

<sup>2</sup> The 1998 Cost of Capital hearing was ordered by the Board on its own motion and the Company did not propose a specific change to rates or revenue from rates.

<sup>3</sup> Newfoundland Power's original application was filed prior to the Board's final order on Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's general rate application. As a result, the proposed rate increase was estimated and the specific increase required in revenue from rates was not identified pending issuance of the final Hydro rate order.

<sup>4</sup> Newfoundland Power's original application was filed prior to the Board's final order on Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's general rate application. As a result, the application was amended to reflect changes in Hydro's Rate Stabilization Plan as directed by the final Hydro rate order.