

Q. Provide the O & M cost associated with distribution system/km of distribution for the years 1998 through 2002 (with 2002 figures projected through year-end), and forecast for the years 2003 and 2004 on the basis of the 2003 General Rate Application.

A. Table 1 below provides the O&M costs associated with the distribution system per kilometre of line for the years 1998 to forecast 2004.

Table 1 Distribution O&M Costs per Kilometre of Line			
Year	Distribution O&M Costs¹ (\$000s)	Kilometres of Distribution Line	Distribution O&M Costs per Kilometre of Line (\$)
1998	7,254	7,827	927
1999	7,318	7,803	938
2000	7,191	7,927	907
2001	6,262	8,035	779
2002 (forecast)	5,628	8,151	690
2003 (forecast)	5,646	8,267	683
2004 (forecast)	5,780	8,383	689

¹. From EAL-1 page 1 of 1, line number 1.