

1 **Q. In reference to the evidence of Philip Hughes Evidence, page 9, lines 2 to 5 - “Since**
2 **1992, Newfoundland Power’s customers’ rates have increased by approximately 8**
3 **per cent. Of this amount, approximately 6.5 per cent is attributable to**
4 **Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”), principally on account of fuel, and**
5 **approximately 1.5 per cent is attributable to Newfoundland Power” - Please advise**
6 **how this compares to other utilities with similar characteristics to Newfoundland**
7 **Power?**

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9 A. Newfoundland Power does monitor rate change data for other Canadian utilities.
10 However, the Company would not always be aware of the detailed causes for the rate
11 changes. Table 1 below summarizes the cumulative rate changes from January 1, 1992 to
12 November 1, 2002 for major Canadian utilities.
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Table 1 Summary of Cumulative Rate Changes Major Canadian Utilities January 1, 1992 to November 1, 2002	
Utility	Cumulative Rate Increases
Aquila Networks Canada (BC)	55.9%
New Brunswick Power	27.6%
Saskatchewan Power	19.3%
Hydro Quebec	11.5%
Nova Scotia Power	9.7%
Newfoundland Power	8.3%
BC Hydro	7.8%
Manitoba Hydro	6.0%
Maritime Electric	-6.5%

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17 Information for utilities in Ontario and Alberta are not included as the characteristics of
18 their regulated electrical systems are not similar to Newfoundland and Labrador due to
19 the effects of the ongoing restructuring process in these provinces.