

Q. In reference to the evidence of Earl Ludlow, page 8, Table 2, please provide, on a single sheet, a comparative table of the gross operating expenses by category, actual versus forecast for 1996 to current and forecast, and the percent of increase/decrease, as the case may be.

A. Table 1 below provides a comparison of actual versus forecast Gross Operating Expenses by Category for the period 1996 to forecast 2004.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Gross Operating Expenses by Category</b> <b>1996 – 2004 (Forecast)</b> <b>(\$000s)</b>					
Year		Expense Category			Totals
		Electricity Supply	Customer Service	General <sup>1</sup>	
1996	Forecast	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	55,522
	Actual	23,080	10,918	20,683	54,681
	Variance	\$	n/a	n/a	(841)
	Over (under)	%	n/a	n/a	(1.5)
1997	Forecast	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	- <sup>2</sup>	54,239
	Actual	22,827	10,270	24,275	57,372
	Variance	\$	n/a	n/a	3,133
	Over (under)	%	n/a	n/a	5.8
1998	Forecast	22,678	10,130	20,271	53,079
	Actual	22,977	9,900	18,649	51,526
	Variance	\$	299	(1,622)	(1,553)
	Over (under)	%	1.3	(8.0)	(2.9)
1999	Forecast	24,377	10,523	18,262	53,162
	Actual	23,581	9,627	17,516	50,724
	Variance	\$	(796)	(896)	(2,438)
	Over (under)	%	(3.3)	(8.5)	(4.6)
2000	Forecast	22,324	8,544	18,620	49,488
	Actual	23,318	8,866	17,699	49,883
	Variance	\$	994	322	395
	Over (under)	%	4.5	3.8	0.8
2001	Forecast	22,559	8,917	19,125	50,601
	Actual	22,848	9,020	18,411	50,279
	Variance	\$	289	103	(714)
	Over (under)	%	1.3	1.2	(3.7)
2002	Forecast	21,195	9,374	18,998	49,567
2003	Forecast	21,821	9,717	19,053	50,591
2004	Forecast	22,341	9,927	19,218	51,486

<sup>1</sup> Excluding pension and deferred regulatory costs.

<sup>2</sup> Actual 1996 and 1997 expenses have been recategorized for comparative purposes in accordance with approved changes to the Company's System of Accounts. Forecast expenses for 1996 and 1997 are not readily available on the same comparative basis.