

1 **Q. In reference to the evidence of Earl Ludlow, page 23, line 15 – Legal Affairs, please**
2 **advise as to the number of lawyers the Company has on a temporary, contractual**
3 **basis and the costs associated with these temporary, contractual lawyers, year over**
4 **year, for 1996 to current, and the percentage of increase/decrease, as the case may**
5 **be.**

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7 A. In 2001, the Company signed a retainer with one individual for legal services for one
8 year. The cost of the retainer was \$90,000 to be paid in twelve equal instalments. In
9 2002 the individual was retained for an additional period of 14 months. The annual cost
10 of the retainer is \$102,000, which is paid monthly in arrears in the amount of \$8,500 and
11 represents an increase of 13.3%. These costs are included in costs incurred by the
12 Company for outside legal services found in the Company's response to Request for
13 Information CA-404. All other legal services are on a fee for services basis.