

Q. In reference to the services of outside law firms, please advise as to the cost incurred by Newfoundland Power for outside legal services for the years 1996 to current and forecast and the percentage of increase/decrease, as the case may be.

A. Table 1 below summarizes legal fees for the period 1996 to forecast 2004.

Table 1 Legal Fees 1996 – 2004F (\$000s)			
Year	Legal Fees Expended	Increase (Decrease)	Per Cent Increase (Decrease)
1996	127	-	
1997	94	(33)	(26.0%)
1998	549	456	484.0%
1999	264 ¹	(285)	(51.9%)
2000	162 ¹	(102)	(38.6%)
2001	750	588	363.0%
2002F	572	(178)	(23.7%)
2003F	562	(10)	(1.7%)
2004F	384	(178)	(31.7%)

¹ The fees expended in 1999 include \$150,000 in relation to legal fees pertaining to the Company's income tax reassessment case. The Grant Thornton review of Company operations for 2000 refers to these costs as part of \$268,000 incurred in relation to this case in 2000.