

**Q. In reference to the evidence of Earl Ludlow, page 27, line 2 “Other Company Fees”, please provide in a table, for 1996 to current, the actual versus forecast and the percent of increase/decrease, as the case may be, for professional fees.**

**A.** Mr. Ludlow’s evidence, page 27, lines 2-4, indicates that the increase in Other Company Fees is mainly attributable to professional and consulting fees associated with regulatory and legal proceedings, water management studies and environmental audits. Please refer to the Company’s responses to Requests for Information CA-419, CA-420, CA-421, and CA-422 for further information regarding regulatory hearing costs, legal costs, water management studies, and environmental audits respectively.

Table 1 below lists the total forecast and actual operating expenses related to Other Company Fees for the period 1996 to forecast 2004, exclusive of deferred regulatory costs.

<b>Table 1</b> <b>Other Company Fees<sup>1</sup></b> <b>1996 – 2004F</b> <b>(\$000s)</b>				
Year	Forecast	Actual	Variance – Over (Under)	
			\$	%
1996	2,201	2,008	(193)	(8.8)
1997	1,729	1,431	(298)	(17.2)
1998	1,508	2,003	(495)	(32.8)
1999	2,327	1,147	(1180)	(50.1)
2000	2,319	2,326	7	0.3
2001	2,785	2,390	(395)	(14.2)
2002F	2,420	n/a	n/a	n/a
2003F	2,323	n/a	n/a	n/a
2004F	2,001	n/a	n/a	n/a

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