

*Requests for Information*

**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 regulatory proceedings.**

**A.** Table 1 below summarizes regulatory hearing costs incurred for the period 1996 to forecast 2004.

<b>Table 1</b> <b>Regulatory Hearing Costs<sup>1</sup></b> <b>1996-2004F</b> <b>(\$000s)</b>			
Year	Amount <sup>&lt;&gt;</sup>	Increase (Decrease) (Year over Year)	
		\$	%
1996	755 <sup>2</sup>		
1997	50 <sup>2</sup>	(705)	(93.4)
1998	483 <sup>2</sup>	433	866.0
1999	35 <sup>2</sup>	(448)	(92.8)
2000	48 <sup>2</sup>	13	37.1
2001	581 <sup>2</sup>	533	1,110.4
2002	632 <sup>3</sup>	51	8.8
2003F	900	268	42.4
2004F	162	(738)	(82.0)

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

<sup>2</sup> Taken from Grant Thornton, LLP annual financial reviews. Forecasts based upon Company estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes foreign exchange of \$31,472 recorded in 2003.

The forecast costs in Table 1 include those related to Newfoundland Power’s <sup><></sup> Capital Budget Applications and 2003 General Rate Application (2003 GRA), plus the costs of intervening in Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s 2004 General Rate Proceeding.

Table 1 excludes external regulatory costs of \$1.15 million incurred in 1998 and amortized over three years beginning in 1999. Table 1 also excludes external regulatory costs of \$1.2 million forecast to be incurred with respect to the 2003 GRA and planned for amortization over three years, beginning in 2003.

Please refer to the Company’s response to Request for Information CA-417 for further information relating to Other Company Fees.