

1 **Q. Please provide, using a table, the number of customers who have opted into the**
2 **equalized billing plan for the years 1996 to current, and the percent of**
3 **increase/decrease in each year, as the case may be.**
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5 A. Table 1 below provides a summary of the number of customers who were enrolled in
6 Newfoundland Power's Equal Payment Plan as at year-end for each of the years 1996
7 through 2002.
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| Table 1 EPP Customers at Year-End | | |
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| Year | EPP Customers | % Change |
| 1996 | 14,515 | - |
| 1997 | 14,135 | (2.6%) |
| 1998 | 17,961 | 27.1% |
| 1999 | 23,034 | 28.2% |
| 2000 | 26,067 | 13.2% |
| 2001 | 28,183 | 8.1% |
| 2002 | 30,370 | 7.8% |