

1 **Q. In reference to the evidence of Earl Ludlow, page 65, line 10, please provide the**
2 **Company's five-year plan for information systems, commencing with the test years**
3 **and beyond, showing the cost to be attributed to information systems for these**
4 **years.**

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6 A. Newfoundland Power has not yet completed a five-year plan for information systems for
7 the period requested. In Order No. P.U. 36 (2002-2003) issued subsequent to
8 Newfoundland Power's 2003 Capital Budget Application, the Board ordered that the
9 Company file an updated Information Technology Strategy report for the period 2004-
10 2008 as part of its 2004 Capital Budget Application.

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12 Forecast Information Systems operating expenses for 2003 and 2004 are shown at line 13
13 of Exhibit EAL-1. A discussion of the Company's Information Systems operating
14 expenses is contained on pages 21 and 22 of the *Operations & Customer Service*
15 *Evidence*.