

1 **Q. In reference to the evidence of Barry Perry, please advise if Mr. Perry is an expert**  
2 **on rate base and if it is the intention of the Company that Mr. Perry testify as an**  
3 **expert on rate base.**  
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5 A. Mr. Perry is Newfoundland Power's Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial  
6 Officer and in that capacity is responsible for maintaining the creditworthiness and  
7 financial integrity of the Company.  
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9 Decisions surrounding the issue of rate base are central to the determination of the  
10 Company's financial integrity and creditworthiness. Mr. Perry's testimony in this area is  
11 necessary in providing an adequate understanding of the impact on Newfoundland Power  
12 of decisions regarding rate base.