

Requests for Information

1 **Q. Exhibit BVP-23, page 4, states that Newfoundland Power proposes to adopt the**
2 **market-related value method to calculate the expected return on pension assets**
3 **effective January 1, 2003. It also proposes that changes to the fair market value of**
4 **pension plan assets be reflected in pension expense over three years. The table given**
5 **only shows a pension plan expense comparison for two years. Please provide a five-**
6 **year comparative analysis.**

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8 **A.** Table 1 below provides the estimated pension expense for the Company's defined benefit
9 pension plan under the fair market value method and the market-related value method for
10 the five-year period from 2003 to 2007.
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Table 1		
Pension Plan Expense Under Alternate Accounting Methods		
Year	Fair Market Value Method	Market-Related Value Method
2003	\$ 4.3 million	\$ 2.8 million
2004	3.4 million	2.9 million
2005	2.4 million	2.5 million
2006	1.3 million	1.4 million
2007	0.2 million	0.3 million