

Requests for Information

Q. Provide a table similar to Table 1 on page 7 of Mr. Ludlow's evidence but replacing Gross Operating Cost and Gross Operating Cost per Customer with Rate Base Cost and Rate Base Cost per customer.

A. Table 1 below includes customers, energy sales, and average rate base for the years 1998, 2002 and forecast 2003-2004, and calculates average rate base cost per customer (i.e. calculated based on annual return on rate base divided by the number of customers) for each year.

Table 1 Comparison of Customers, Energy Sales & Average Rate Base 1998-2004F					
	Actual 1998	Actual 2002	Forecast 2003	Forecast 2004	Percentage Increase (Decrease) 1998 to 2004
Number of Customers ¹	212,110	219,072	220,887	222,508	4.9
Total Sales (GWh)	4,440	4,765	4,851	4,920	10.8
Average Rate Base (000s) ²	\$488,204	\$573,337	\$599,245	\$622,650	27.5
Return on Rate Base	\$48,158	\$56,984	\$63,209	\$65,668	36.4
Average Rate Base Cost per Customer	\$227	\$260	\$286	\$295	30.0

¹ The customer numbers are as at year end.

² As per Exhibit BVP-1, page 7 of 9.