

**Q. Recalculate Table 1 p. 7 using the gross operating expenses as per Exhibit EAL-2; i.e. including pension and deferred regulatory costs.**

**A.** Table 1 below provides a comparison of the number of customers, energy sales, gross operating expenses and gross operating expenses per customer for 1998 and forecast 2002, 2003 and 2004 as requested.

<b>Table 1</b> <b>Comparison of Customers, Energy Sales and Gross Operating Expenses<sup>1</sup></b> <b>(1998-2004)</b>					
	<b>Actual 1998</b>	<b>Forecast 2002</b>	<b>Forecast 2003</b>	<b>Forecast 2004</b>	<b>Percentage Increase (Decrease) 1998 to 2004</b>
Number of Customers <sup>2</sup>	212,110	218,706	220,293	221,705	4.5
Total Sales (GWh)	4,440	4,733	4,818	4,895	10.2
Gross Operating Expenses (000s)	\$55,359	\$53,589	\$55,217	\$56,192	1.5
Gross Operating Expense per Customer	\$261	\$245	\$251	\$253	(3.1)

<sup>1</sup> Gross operating expenses including pension and deferred regulatory costs.

<sup>2</sup> The customer numbers are as at year end.