

Q. In reference to Schedule “B”, page 7 of 82, re telecommunications, please provide a comparable chart, on one page, for the years 1993 up to and including 2003.

A. The table on page 2 of 2 contains a summary of annual capital expenditure budgets for projects included in the Telecommunications category for the period 1997 to 2003 inclusive. Some projects for years prior to 2003 have been re-categorized to permit reasonable comparability, year over year.

Due to changes in the presentation format of past capital budgets, comparable information for the 1993 to 1996 period is not readily available.

Newfoundland Power Inc.

Summary of Annual Capital Expenditure Budget - Telecommunications
(1997 - 2003)

(000s)

Category	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Replace/Upgrade Communications Equipment	\$ 951	\$ 794	\$ 136	\$ 150	\$ 145	\$ 136	\$242
Substation Telephone Circuit Protection	13	124	201	262	154	-	141
Fibre Optic Networking	-	100	116	125	384	264	-
Communications For Gas Turbine Relocation	-	-	-	-	-	102	-
Rose Blanche Communications Line	-	70	-	-	-	-	-
SCADA Telecommunications	110	85	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,074</u>	<u>\$ 1,173</u>	<u>\$ 453</u>	<u>\$ 537</u>	<u>\$ 683</u>	<u>\$ 502</u>	<u>\$ 383</u>