

Q. INFORMATION SYSTEMS

PUB 45.0 (RE: B-67, Network Infrastructure)

PUB 45.3

Please provide examples of where a similar high availability network switches have been used within the company's network infrastructure and the justification for deployment.

A. Similar high availability switches are located in the computer rooms at both Kenmount Road and Duffy Place. These switches replaced two Cisco 5509 routers that connect the Company's Head Office on Kenmount Road with its Duffy Place facility. The purchase and installation of these switches at Kenmount Road and Duffy Place was approved by the Board as part of the Network Infrastructure project included in the 2003 Capital Budget Application. The project justification for this expenditure was contained in Attachment A to Request for Information PUB 18.2 from Newfoundland Power's 2003 Capital Budget Hearing.

This project simply involves the acquisition of a similar switch for the Company's System Control Centre ("SCC") which will provide connectivity between the SCC, Kenmount Road Head Office and the Duffy Place Operations Centre.

For the justification for deployment please see the response to Request for Information PUB 24.3 NP.