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3 ***Information Systems***

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7 **Under the status as currently understood by NP, when will the Company need to**  
8 **seek approval for the migration of the CSS?**  
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10 A. The timing of an application to the Board for approval of capital expenditures associated  
11 with the replacement or technical migration of the CSS would need to accommodate a  
12 lead time of up to 24 months. This is the amount of time that would be required to  
13 implement either of the options identified in the *CSS Replacement Analysis Report*, dated  
14 July 16, 2003, filed with the Board as part of the Company's 2004 Capital Budget  
15 Application.  
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17 As noted in that report, the Company envisions a re-examination of the continued  
18 viability of the CSS in 2006.