Q. Re: Account RO5: Please fully explain and justify the selection of a 15R3 life-curve 1 2 combination for Account R05 - Radios - Mobile VHF Base Station. The response 3 should specifically address the negative exposures and negative retirement on page IV-165. The response should also present the specific steps and corresponding 5 information and documents relied on to arrive at the proposed life-curve 6 combination. 7 8 9 A. A revised retirement analysis has been filed due to a processing error in the initial 10 data. The revised retirement data is included in the attachment to this response. 11 12 The negative exposures are now corrected through age 26.5 years, at which point 13 the exposures have already become immaterial for the purposes of this analysis. A 14 revised observed life table and Iowa curve fit graph have been provided as CA-NLH-15 113 Attachment 1. Based on a review of the revised observed life table, the 16 average service life recommendation originally made by Gannett Fleming remains 17 unchanged from the Iowa 15-R3. 18 19 This account does have a material amount of retirement history, which was 20 conducive to a retirement rate analysis. The review of the mortality history 21 produced a life estimate of the Iowa 15-R3 when fitted through age 19.5 years. The 22 curve fitting gave particular recognition to a large indication of retirement at ages 23 9.5 and 16.5 years. However it was noted that a pattern of continual retirement 24 actively occurs from ages 1.5 through age 19.5 years. The peer group information 25 was not considered by Mr. Kennedy as relevant for this account. The operations

group noted that virtually all of the current investment in the account was installed

in 2007 and therefore had not yet started to retire to any significant level.

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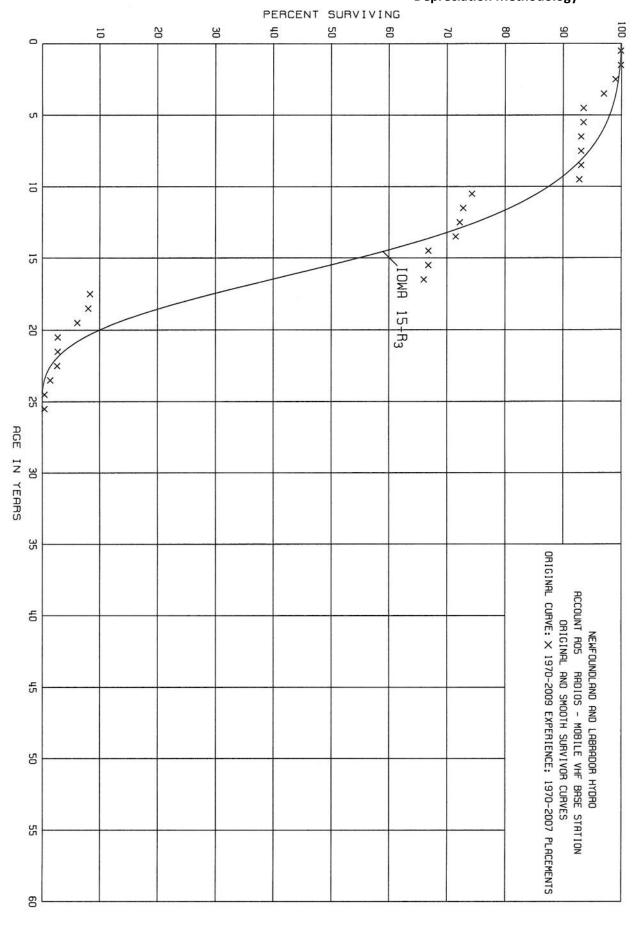
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## **Depreciation Methodology and Asset Service Lives**

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| 1 | However, th | e operations stafi | f also noted | that the newe | r equipment curren | tly |
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- 2 installed may have a shorter life than the older previously retired equipment.
- 3 However, until indications of retirement are apparent, Gannett Fleming views that
- 4 the use of the 15-R3 curve is appropriate.



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#### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO

# ACCOUNT R05 RADIOS - MOBILE VHF BASE STATION

SURVIVING AT DECEMBER 31, 2009

| AVG AGE RET 14.2         | 1 | EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS       |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| PLACEMENT BAND 1970-2007 |   | EXPERIENCE BAND 1970-2009 |

| AGE AT<br>BEGIN OF<br>INTERVAL   | EXPOSURES AT<br>BEGINNING OF<br>AGE INTERVAL   | RETIREMENTS DURING AGE INTERVAL  | RETMT<br>RATIO   | SURV<br>RATIO  | PCT SURV<br>BEGIN OF<br>INTERVAL   |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 0.0<br>0.5<br>1.5<br>2.5<br>3.5<br>4.5<br>5.5<br>6.5<br>7.5                  | 8,241,375<br>8,241,375<br>8,241,375<br>1,877,329<br>1,839,427<br>1,772,498<br>1,767,458<br>1,618,894<br>1,618,894<br>1,618,894 | 82,942<br>37,902<br>66,929<br>6,366  | 0.0000<br>0.0000<br>0.0101<br>0.0202<br>0.0364<br>0.0000<br>0.0036<br>0.0000<br>0.0033           | 1.0000<br>1.0000<br>0.9899<br>0.9798<br>0.9636<br>1.0000<br>0.9964<br>1.0000<br>0.9967           | 100.00<br>100.00<br>98.99<br>96.99<br>93.46<br>93.46<br>93.12<br>93.12               |
| 9.5<br>10.5<br>11.5<br>12.5<br>13.5<br>14.5<br>15.5<br>16.5<br>17.5          | 1,600,165<br>1,254,921<br>1,229,570<br>1,219,275<br>1,207,617<br>1,128,733<br>1,127,999<br>1,114,444<br>140,532<br>135,283     | 319,279<br>25,352<br>10,295<br>11,659<br>78,884<br>733<br>13,556<br>973,911<br>5,250<br>31,710 | 0.1995<br>0.0202<br>0.0084<br>0.0096<br>0.0653<br>0.0006<br>0.0120<br>0.8739<br>0.0374<br>0.2344 | 0.8005<br>0.9798<br>0.9916<br>0.9904<br>0.9347<br>0.9994<br>0.9880<br>0.1261<br>0.9626<br>0.7656 | 92.81<br>74.29<br>72.79<br>72.18<br>71.49<br>66.82<br>66.78<br>65.98<br>8.32<br>8.01 |
| 19.5<br>20.5<br>21.5<br>22.5<br>23.5<br>24.5<br>25.5<br>26.5<br>27.5<br>28.5 | 100,411<br>43,528<br>43,528<br>41,657<br>22,096<br>6,036<br>6,036<br>2,500-<br>2,500-<br>2,500-                                | 56,883<br>1,871<br>19,561<br>16,061<br>8,536   | 0.5665<br>0.0000<br>0.0430<br>0.4696<br>0.7269<br>0.0000<br>1.4142<br>0.0000<br>0.0000           | 0.4335<br>1.0000<br>0.9570<br>0.5304<br>0.2731<br>1.0000<br>0.4142-                              | 6.13<br>2.66<br>2.66<br>2.55<br>1.35<br>0.37   |
| 29.5<br>30.5<br>31.5<br>32.5<br>33.5<br>34.5<br>35.5<br>36.5<br>37.5         | 2,500-<br>2,500-<br>2,500-<br>2,500-<br>2,500-<br>2,500-<br>2,500-<br>2,500-   |  | 0.0000<br>0.0000<br>0.0000<br>0.0000<br>0.0000<br>0.0000<br>0.0000                               |  |  |