

A Submission to the Minister of Mines and Energy

2001 Operating and Capital Budgets

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO

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FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OCTOBER 31, 2000

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO NET OPERATING EXPENSES (\$ Thousands)

	1999	2000	2000	2001	Increase
	Actual	Budget	Forecast	Budget	(Decrease)
Expense Group					
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	48,954	52,168	53,396 ⁽¹⁾	53,612 ⁻⁽¹⁾	216
Materials Maintenance	19,775	17,022	19.679	16,555	(3,124)
Office Supplies & Expenses	1,778	1,844	1.882	1,943	61
Professional Services	3,756	4,018	4,115	4,506	391
Insurance	1,068	1,124	979	849	(130)
Equipment Rentals	1,603	1,373	1,395	1,488	
Travel	2,351	2,037	2,115	2,290	175
Miscellaneous	4,340	4,319	4,259	4,295	36
Property Rentals	233	307	478	766	288
Transportation	2,152	2,214	2,010	2,174	164
Bad Debt Expenses	495	333	4年 333	475	142
	86,505	86,759	90,641	88,953	(1,688)
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Allocations	** :				
CF(L)Co Recoveries	(2,158)	(2,300)	(1,947)	(1,942)	5
Net Operating Expenses	84,347	84,459	88,694	<u>87,011</u>	(1,683)

An analysis of the individual expense groups is outlined in various tables on the following pages.

⁽¹⁾ Includes \$2.2 million for Employee Future Benefits.

EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS (cont'd.)

other employee future benefits, whereby the expected costs of providing these benefits is charged to Operations as employees render service. The entitlement to benefits that employees have earned as of January 1, 2000 (\$19 million) that arose on conversion to accrual accounting has been charged to Retained Earnings. The cost of employee future benefits recognized in the Statement of Income has been actuarially determined and reflects the entitlement to benefits that employees will earn each year plus annual interest costs on the accrued benefit obligation.

SYSTEM EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

This group of expenses is budgeted at \$16,555,000 in 2001 which is a decrease of \$3,124,000 from 2000 mainly due to lower costs associated with maintaining the Gas Turbines, since major repairs were incurred on these facilities in 2000.

SYSTEM EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SUMMARY (\$ Thousands)

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	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Forecast	2001 Budget	Increase (Decrease)	
Maintenance Materials	18,868	15,788	18,388	15,231	(3,157)	
Tools & Operating Supplies	417	465	535	496	(39)	
Freight Expense	273	204	204	206	2	
Lubricants and Chemicals	217	565	552	622	70.	
Total	19,775	17,022	19,679	16,555	(3,124)	



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	1998 <u>Actual</u>	1999 Budget	1999 Forecast	2000 <u>Budget</u>	Increase (Decrease)
Expense Group					
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	46,765	50,606	50,114	52,168	2,054
System Equipment Maintenance	11,325	14,101	14,458	12,298	(2,160)
Office Supplies & Expenses	2,715	3,029	3,026	2,983	(43)
Professional Services	3,398	3,175	3,524	4,018	494
Insurance	1,056	1,130	1,128	1,124	(4)
Equipment Rentals	2,001	1,770	1,770	1,373	(397)
Travel	2,121	2,107	2,099	2,037	(62)
Miscellaneous	5,927	4,378	4,403	4,319	(84)
Bldg. Rentals & Maintenance	3,226	2,439	2,679	2,776	97
Transportation	3,261	3,255	3,254	3,330	76
Bad Debt Expenses	333	270	270	333	63
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	_1,137	<u>1,396</u>	1,535	<u>884</u>	<u>(651)</u>
Allocations	83,264	87,656	88,260	87,643	(617)
CF(L)Co Recoveries	2,306	2,300	2,234	2,300	<u>66</u>
Net Operating Expenses	<u>80,958</u>	<u>85,356</u>	<u>86,026</u>	<u>85,343</u>	<u>(683</u>)

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EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS (cont'd.)

be accounted for on an accrual basis. Accordingly, the benefits provided by the Company should be recognized as costs in the period in which the company is receiving the benefit of the employee's services. The components of the employee plan expense to be recognized in the statement of income are the current and past service costs and the amortization of actuarial gains and losses. The standard can be applied prospectively or retroactively and will require significant more disclosure in the annual financial statements.

We have presently engaged an actuarial consultant to assist us in this matter and the results of their work will not be finalized until December. Consequently, no provision has been included in the 2000 Budget for the adoption of this new accounting standard.

SYSTEM EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

This group of expenses is budgeted at \$12,298,000 in 2000 which is a decrease of \$2,160,000 from 1999 mainly due to lower costs associated with maintaining the Holyrood Thermal Plant and the Cat Arm Hydro Plant, since major repairs were incurred on these two facilities in 1999.

SYSTEM EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SUMMARY (\$ Thousands)

	1998 Actus		1999 Forecast	2000 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
System Equip. Mtnce.	10,36	12,887	13,244	11,064	(2,180)
Tools & Equipment	32	20 461	461	465	4
Freight Expense	31	13 204	204	204	
Lubricants, Gases & Chem	ic <u>33</u>	549	549	565	16
Total	11,32	25 14,101	14,458	12,298	(2.160)

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	1997 <u>Actual</u>	1998 Budget	1998 Forecast	1999 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Expense Group					
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	45,489	48,900	47,426	50,606	3,180
System Equipment Maintenance	11,511	10,861	10,999	14,101	3,102
Office Supplies & Expenses	2,716	3,082	3,096	3,029	(67)
Professional Services	2,883	3,124	3,588	3,175	(413)
Insurance	1,223	1,078	1,078	1,130	52
Equipment Rentals	1,530	2,080	2,077	1,770	(307)
Travel	1,911	1,997	2,037	2,107	70
Miscellaneous	3,752	4,230	6,303	4,378	(1,925)
Bldg. Rentals & Maintenance	2,210	2,768	3,391	2,439	(952)
Transportation	2,793	3,599	3,599	3,255	(344)
Bad Debt Expenses	298	385	385	270	(115)
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	691	568	1,354	1,396	42
Amortization - Studies & Software	<u>806</u> 77,813	1.766 84,438	9 <u>33</u> 86,266	<u>1,908</u> 89,564	97 <u>5</u> 3,298
Allocations					
CF(L)Co Recoveries	2,413	2,500	<u>2,372</u>	2,300	<u>72</u>
Net Operating Expenses	<u>75,400</u>	<u>81,938</u>	<u>83,894</u>	<u>87,264</u>	3,370

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SYSTEM EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

This group of expenses is budgeted at \$14,101,000 in 1999 which is an increase of \$3,102,000 from 1998 mainly due to higher costs associated with maintaining the Holyrood Thermal Plant and the Cat Arm Hydro Plant.

SYSTEM EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SUMMARY

(\$ Thousands)

	1997 Actual	1998 <u>Budget</u>	1998 <u>Forecast</u>	1999 <u>Budget</u>	Increase (Decrease)
System Equip. Mtnce.	10,349	9,547	9,681	12,887	3,206
Tools & Equipment	402	459	463	461	(2)
Freight Expense	322	299.	299	204	(95)
Lubricants, Gases & Chemic	438	556	556	549	(7)
Total	11.511	10.861	10.999	14,101	3.102