

Q. (Re: p.5, lines 12 to 14)

Please show power costs as a percent of manufacturing costs from 1992 – 2000 with and without the Interruptible B arrangement.

Include a description of how the electrical power costs increases compare to all other manufacturing costs over the period from 1992 to 2002.

A. The table below shows the power cost as a percentage of manufacturing cost with and without the Interruptible “B” arrangement.

<u>Year</u>	<u>% of Manufacturing Costs Without Interruptible ‘B’</u>	<u>% of Manufacturing Costs With Interruptible ‘B’</u>
1992	23.3	23.3
1993	22.1	21.7
1994	22.8	21.2
1995	20.7	18.7
1996	19.4	18.0
1997	20.8	19.4
1998	21.0	18.8
1999	24.4	22.9
2000	21.3	19.9

(a) The total newsprint manufacturing costs, excluding power, increased 5.4% during the period 1992 to 2002. Total power costs decreased by 4.2% during the same period.