

1 Q. Further to NP-53 and NP-160, explain why the 2002 cash payment on
2 account of employee future benefits of \$675,000 presented in NP-160 is
3 different from the 2002 cash payment of \$1,199,000 presented in NP-53.

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6 A. The cash payment on account of employee future benefits (EFB) of \$675,000
7 presented in NP-160 in support of the forecast liability for EFB as filed, was
8 based on a forecast of employee retirements for 2002 during the budget
9 cycle.

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11 The 2002 cash payment on account of EFB of \$1,199,000 presented in NP-
12 53 reflects current expectations with respect to retirements in 2002. This
13 revision will be reflected in a revised cost of service to be filed at a later date.