1 Q. Please provide detailed explanation for the year over year change to total 2 purchased power expense as shown in the Production evidence, Schedule 3 IX.

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A. The two variables causing the purchase power expense to vary are quantity purchased and unit price. In 2003, both purchases and price increased over 2002. In 2004, purchases are forecast to increase but are more than offset by a forecast decline in purchase price due to its linkage with petroleum markets. The following table summarizes the year over year changes in purchase power expense.

| Year Over Year Change in Purchase Power Expense |  |                     |                    |
|---|--|---------------------|--------------------|
|   | Change in<br>Purchase Power<br>Expense | Change Explained By |                    |
|   |  | Change in Price     | Change in Quantity |
| 2003  | \$156,625                              | \$96,133            | \$60,492           |
| 2004  | (\$45,446)                             | (\$76,084)          | \$30,638           |