Q. Explain derivation of the numbers for Retained Earnings under the heading
"Existing 2007" on Schedule II of the Evidence of M.G. Bradbury at pages
21-23.

A. There is an error at line 21, under the heading "Existing 2007" on Schedule II of the evidence of Mark Bradbury. The opening retained earnings amount should have been \$209,385,000 which is the forecast closing equity amount for 2006 as shown on Schedule 1, page 1 of 10. Therefore, closing equity at line 23 of Schedule II under the heading "Existing 2007" should be \$196,833,000, which would result in a rate of return on equity at line 25 of negative 6.18%, rather than negative 6.08%. This does not impact the revenue requirement for the test year.