

1    Q.    Provide an explanation of the increase in professional service fees over the  
2           period 2005 to 2007 for the following departments: (i) Rates and Financial  
3           Planning – increase from \$621,845 to \$854,330 and (ii) Thermal Generation  
4           – increase from \$583,294 to \$826,000. (NP-15 NLH)

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7    A.    (i)    The 2007 forecast for Rates and Financial Planning includes an  
8           additional \$100,000 for the Annual Assessment from the Public  
9           Utilities Board, additional Capital Hearing cost of approximately  
10          \$35,000 and additional regulatory consulting of \$100,000 over the  
11          2005 expenditures.

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13          (ii)    The 2007 forecast for Thermal Generation includes: \$68,000 for  
14          performance review, \$40,000 for asbestos sampling, \$37,000 for  
15          chemical and materials analysis, an additional \$60,000 for  
16          environmental and landfill analysis, an increase for turbine technical  
17          support of \$21,000, and an increase for boiler technical support of  
18          \$18,000, over the 2005 expenditures.