

In reference to Schedule “B”, page 46 of 82 – Trunk Feeders Rebuild Distribution Lines, at a project cost of \$3,504,000, please provide the following:

**Q. Please provide the project cost for “Trunk Feeders and Rebuilding Distribution Lines” for the period 1995 to the present, year over year, and the actual cost, year over year, of these projects from 1995 to the present.**

A. The Company’s identification of Trunk Feeder projects via specific category was first established in 2000. The Trunk Feeder project categories included in the 2003 Capital Budget are:

- Rebuild Distribution Lines;
- Relocate/Replace Distribution Lines for Third Parties;
- Distribution Reliability Initiative;
- Improve Distribution System Protection/Operation; and,
- Switch Replacement and Upgrade Underground Distribution – Water Street, St. John’s.

Table 1 below provides a summary of the budget amount, actual costs and annual variance for expenditures in the Trunk Feeders - Rebuild Distribution Lines category for the period 2000 to 2002. Actual costs for 2002 represent forecast projections to year-end.

<b>Table 1</b> <b>Trunk Feeders – Rebuild Distribution Lines</b> <b>Project Costs</b> <b>2000 – 2002F</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Budget (\$000s)</b>	<b>Actual (\$000s)</b>	<b>Variance (\$000s)</b>
2000	1,438	755	(683)
2001	2,995	2,223	(772)
2002F	2,940	3,077	137

Total Trunk Feeder capital expenditures for the period 1997 to 2003F can be found in the Response to CA-7.