

Q. Further to the reply to P.U.B. 11 Extensions (\$4,322,000), in the growth rate on the tables provided for the St. John's and Avalon areas, please provide for the period 1998 to the present the number of new residential customers in St. John's and on the Avalon areas who are heating their homes with electricity (all electric) and those new customers who are heating their homes with alternatives.

A. The table below provides a breakdown of the main heat source for new residential customers for the St. John's and Avalon Areas. The information is provided for the years 1998 to 2001 and year to date September 2002.

This information is collected from customers at the time their new service is connected. Some customers will not have selected a main heat source at that point in time and as a result the heating source will be unknown.

Area	Electric Heat	Alternate Heat Source	Unknown	Total New Customers
St. John's				
1998	671	200	40	911
1999	710	292	28	1,030
2000	894	226	33	1,153
2001	1,071	140	29	1,240
2002*	945	96	24	1,065
Avalon				
1998	161	134	25	320
1999	167	169	27	363
2000	205	134	74	413
2001	193	90	49	332
2002*	176	71	33	280

* For the nine months ended September 30th.