

**In reference to Schedule “B”, page 77 of 82, Outage Management, project cost \$284,000.00:**

**Q. Please advise as to which company will be the sole-source supplier and how a sole-source supplier will ensure least cost.**

**A.** The Company has not determined that the Outage Management project requirements can only be met by a sole-source supplier.

In order to finalize the cost associated with the Outage Management project, the project requirements will be communicated to suppliers who are identified as having the capability to supply those requirements, with a view to obtaining bids pursuant to a formal tender call or proposals pursuant to a request for proposals process.

Only where competing suppliers cannot be identified will the price of materials and services be negotiated with sole source suppliers. In such a case, the Company will seek the lowest available price through negotiation. This price will be assessed in light of any other feasible alternatives.