Q. Further to CA-93 (d), please specify the cost per computer and the specifications required for each Compaq computer to be purchased.

A. Table 1 provides the estimated cost per unit of the new personal computers to be purchased in 2003.

Table 1 Personal Computers to be Purchased in 2003 Estimated Costs		
Personal Computer	Quantity	Estimated Cost per Unit ¹
Corporate Desktop	117	\$2,000
SCADA Desktop	6	\$6,000
Laptop	17	\$4,500

^{1.} Estimated based on the unit cost of personal computers purchased in 2002.

The specifications required for each Compaq computer have not yet been finalized. Detailed specifications are determined as close to purchase as possible. As noted in the response to Request for Information CA-93 (a), the process of determining these specifications involves a review of the configurations of the models of business computers currently on offer by the vendor. Typically, the vendor will have three or four current models of business computers on offer at any given time.

To ensure it is investing in reliable and stable technology, the Company will generally avoid choosing the latest model. To ensure the continued availability of a particular model configuration, the Company will also generally avoid choosing the oldest model on offer.