Hydro Plants Facility Rehabilitation (\$2,345,000)

Q. Provide copies of the cost benefit analysis completed to justify each of the projects in excess of, or equal to, \$50,000 referred to on p. 9 of Schedule B. Indicate the alternatives considered for each project and why they are not acceptable.

A. These projects involve upgrades/improvements to aging structures identified through annual dam safety inspections and the replacement of existing equipment that has either failed or has deteriorated to the point whereby it impacts the reliable operation of these facilities. A separate detailed cost benefit analysis has not been conducted for these projects.

For Hydro plant reconstruction, a detailed cost benefit analysis is conducted when major reconstruction such as penstock replacement is being considered. In those instances, a detailed analysis of the entire development is carried out including not only the expenditure being considered for the upcoming budget year, but also the anticipated capital expenditures for a number of years into the future (e.g., the Lockston analysis).

Specific information relating to individual projects identified in Hydro Plants Facility Rehabilitation, page 9 of 82 of Schedule B, is provided in Newfoundland Power's response to Consumer Advocate Request CA-12.