

Thermal Plants Facility Rehabilitation (\$1,561,000)

Q. Provide failure statistics for the past five years for the governor and air intake structure of the Port aux Basques gas turbine referred to on p. 11 of Schedule B.

A. Due to infrequent use of thermal units, the Company does not maintain an availability database for these plants. The log books for the mobile gas turbine provide a record of failed attempts at starting the unit and any other problems encountered during runs. Test runs are conducted on a monthly basis at a minimum, in addition to unit starts for other reasons.

Please refer to the report *Mobile Gas Turbine Planned Refurbishment 2003: Project Justification* contained in Attachment B of the Company's response to CA-13 (a) for a copy of plant log book notes regarding problems encountered with the unit. These notes date back to 1997 and include 24 instances in which troubles were encountered with the unit. Of these 24, six may be directly linked to governor problems, while the governor likely played a role in another seven failed starts.

Complete failure of the air intake structure has not occurred but would likely be catastrophic if such an incident were to take place. Ingestion of any large object (such as a portion of the intake structure) through the unit's air passage would cause serious damage to the turbine and may render the unit unsalvageable.