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Q. Provide for the years 1998 to 2001 a report on the projects that have been undertaken that can be directly related to storms that have passed through the areas.

A. Storms can cause damage to distribution lines which may ultimately be repaired in two ways. First, there is repair to the immediate damage caused by the storm which in severe cases involves interruption of service. The work required to repair this damage is completed as soon possible. In addition to immediate damage, storms also accelerate the wear and tear on electrical system plant and equipment. In many cases, storm related damage may not become evident until well after the storm, and may not be identified as being related to a specific storm.

The Company has reviewed work orders for 1998 to 2001 to provide an estimate of capital costs associated with major storms during the period. While this estimate does not capture all storm-related damage to the Company's electrical plant and equipment, it does include the costs associated with the immediate response to severe weather that resulted in significant damage in concentrated geographic areas.

The table below provides a summary of the capital expenditures and associated retirement costs related to major storm damage to distribution lines throughout the Company's service area for the years 1998 and 1999.

For the purposes of this response, major storms are defined as storms causing damage in the amount of approximately $100,000 or more.

There were no costs recorded as being related to major storm damage in 2000 or 2001.

Storm Related Costs – 1998 to 2001
(000s)

Date	Description	Cost
March 1998	Ice Storm - St. John's/Avalon	$245
April 1998	Ice Storm - Trepassey	135
April 1998	Ice Storm - Burin	280
August 1998	Lightning Storm - St. John's/Avalon	320
April 1999	Ice Storm - Avalon	153
April 1999	Snow Storm - St. John's	99