

1 **PUB 19.0**

2 **(RE: p. 79 & 80 of 82) Personal Computer Infrastructure (\$634,000)**

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4 **PUB 19.1**

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6 **Q. According to the information provided in Schedule B, p. 63 of 66, of the 2002**
7 **Capital Budget application, the number of desktops projected to be in the Company**
8 **at the end of 2001 was 471, while the number of laptops was projected to be 94. The**
9 **information contained in the current application shows a total number of desktops**
10 **at year-end 2001 to be 522, and the number of laptops to be 111. Please explain the**
11 **increase.**

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13 A. The personal computer inventory increased by 68 personal computers as a result of
14 requirements that were unanticipated at the time of the filing of the 2002 Capital Budget
15 on August 15th, 2001. As a result fewer personal computers were retired at the end of
16 2001. The following list details the unanticipated requirements:

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18 • Twenty-three desktops and five laptops were kept in service to accommodate
19 testing and training for the Business Support Systems capital project.
- 20 • Ten desktops and three laptops were kept as spares for PCs that are no longer
21 under warranty.
- 22 • Six desktops and three laptops were kept in service for the purpose of testing
23 software upgrades and changes.
- 24 • Six desktops were retained to accommodate work-term students from post-
25 secondary institutions.
- 26 • Four desktops were used for the SCADA Disaster Recovery Site.
- 27 • Two laptops were kept in service as shared laptops to accommodate travel and
28 presentations requirements for employees.
- 29 • Two desktops and four laptops were kept in service to test specialized
30 software used by engineering technical staff.

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32 46 of the 68 personal computers carried forward to 2002 will have been retired by the end
33 of 2002.

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35 The personal computer inventory numbers reflected each year in the Capital Budget filing
36 are estimates for the end of the year as of the filing date. Several factors will cause these
37 numbers to fluctuate from year to year, such as the number of personal computers
38 required for 1) testing new applications, 2) testing of enhancements to existing
39 applications, and 3) unforeseen requirements.