

2003 Capital Expenditure Status Report

Q. Explain why NP is forecasting to expend \$104,000 on a Web Enterprise Upgrade SCADA carry-over from its 2001 budget (Item 6).

A. The Web Enterprise Upgrade SCADA project will provide Company wide access to SCADA information regarding the status and operation of the electrical system. The delay in completing this project, which was originally planned for 2001, is due primarily to compatibility issues with the existing SCADA software. However, with the SCADA operating system being upgraded in 2003 (included in the Shared Servers Infrastructure project of the 2003 Capital Budget), this project will proceed this year.