

- 1 **Q. Further to CA-NP-237 (Attachment A), please provide a breakdown of “Other**  
 2 **Professional Service Fee” for 2015 (f), 2016 (f) and 2017 (f).**  
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 4 A. Table 1 shows the breakdown of 2015 to 2017 forecast other professional service fees.  
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**Table 1**  
**Other Professional Service Fees**  
**2015F, 2016F and 2017F**

	<b>2015F</b>	<b>2016F</b>	<b>2017F</b>
Credit rating agency fees	\$ 90,000	\$ 91,890	\$ 93,820
Database management	43,286	44,195	45,123
Field support services <sup>1</sup>	55,254	140,964	143,924
Other engineering consultants, technology research and safety and compliance audits	73,762	85,341	87,133
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 262,302</b>	<b>\$ 362,390</b>	<b>\$ 370,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Field support services include (i) external dam safety inspections on Newfoundland Power’s hydro plants, (ii) boroscope inspections on the Company’s thermal plants, (iii) substation maintenance and (iv) assistance with resolving technical issues with equipment. These costs will vary from year to year depending on scheduled maintenance, the extent of maintenance required and unplanned issues with equipment. The increase from 2015 to 2016 and 2017 is primarily due to timing of external hydro plant dam inspections. Newfoundland Power completes its external hydro plant dam inspections based on (i) an 8 year cycle, in line with Canadian Dam Association guidelines and (ii) annual internal dam inspections. Based on internal inspections completed by Newfoundland Power, no immediate external inspections were required in 2015. For 2016, external dam inspections are scheduled for the following hydro plants: Mobile, Morris, Lawn, and West Brook. For 2017, the Rattling Brook, Sandy Brook, Port Union and Lockston hydro plants are scheduled to be completed. External hydro plant dam inspections typically cost \$25,000 to \$40,000 per hydro plant.