

1 **Q. Further to PUB-NP-018, it is Newfoundland Power’s position that the 2014 increase**  
2 **in Uncollectable Bills to \$1.49 million was primarily attributable to changing**  
3 **economic conditions. Please provide details of any changing conditions since 2014,**  
4 **economic or otherwise, which led to the forecast decrease in Uncollectable Bills to**  
5 **approximately \$1.35 million for the period 2015F to 2017F.**

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7 A. Newfoundland Power attributes the increase in Uncollectible Bills in recent years to  
8 changing economic conditions. It was also noted in the response to Request for  
9 Information PUB-NP-018 that weather conditions in the winter of 2014 may also have  
10 contributed to the increase in that year.

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12 The decrease in the 2015 forecast reflects the Company’s examination of write-offs  
13 through July 2015 in comparison to 2013 and 2014.

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15 The actual account write-offs through July for 2013, 2014 and 2015 are provided in  
16 Table 1.

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**Table 1**  
**Account Write-offs**  
**As of July<sup>1</sup>**

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$603,643	\$890,906	\$754,916

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21 The results through the end of July support the overall trend in Uncollectible Bills in  
22 2015 as compared to 2013 and 2014. The GDP inflator was applied in determining the  
23 forecast for 2016 and 2017.

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25 The forecast for uncollectible bills for the test period 2016/2017 is also consistent with  
26 the Company’s historical analysis of uncollectible bills as a percentage of revenue, as  
27 discussed in the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-019.

<sup>1</sup> Represents account write-offs net of collections on accounts previously identified as uncollectible.