

1 **Q. Re: Transformers (Pooled), Schedule B, page 35 of 81 - Please provide for each**
2 **year from 2004 to 2009 the average cost of transformer.**

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4 A. The average unit cost of transformers for each year from 2004 to 2009B is shown in
5 Table 1.
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Table 1
Average Unit Cost of Transformers
(\$)

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008F	2009B
1,877	1,998	2,349	2,639	2,940	3,050

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10 The unit cost of distribution transformers varies from year to year based on the different
11 type, size and voltage of units purchased. In recent years, the increasing price of steel and
12 copper has contributed significantly to the increased unit cost of distribution
13 transformers.
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15 Since 2007, the Fortis Canadian electrical utilities have been purchasing distribution
16 transformers using a single tendering procedure to get the volume discounts based upon a
17 larger quantity of units purchased.