1 Q. With respect to CA-NP-99: 2 3 please explain when the current contract pricing and scope for vegetation (a) 4 management went into place and explain what the contractual arrangement 5 is; 6 7 explain how the pricing and scope for 2010 (f) changed from 2009. **(b)** 8 9 10 A. (a) Table 1 shows the contractual arrangements for 2009 Vegetation Management for Newfoundland Power. 11 12 13

Table 1
Contractual Arrangements for 2009 Vegetation Management

| Contract # | Type                  | Contractor              | <b>Start Date</b> | <b>End Date</b> |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 07-064A    | Tree Trimming         | NF Vegetation Control   | Jan 1, 2008       | Dec 31, 2009    |
| 07-064B    | Tree Trimming         | J. Lucas Tree Expert    | Apr 7, 2008       | Dec 31, 2009    |
| 07-064C    | Tree Trimming         | McIsaac Contracting     | Jan 1, 2008       | Dec 31, 2009    |
| 08-058     | Tree Trimming         | Green's Service Station | Apr 13, 2009      | Oct 31, 2009    |
| 08-059     | Tree Trimming         | NF Vegetation Control   | Mar 30, 2009      | Oct 31, 2009    |
| 09-003     | Brush Clearing        | Green's Service Station | Mar 13, 2009      | Nov 13, 2009    |
| 09-004     | Brush Clearing        | Asplundh Tree Service   | Apr 13, 2009      | Nov 13, 2009    |
| 09-005A    | <b>Brush Clearing</b> | NF Vegetation Control   | Mar 20, 2009      | Dec 31, 2009    |
| 09-005B    | Brush Clearing        | Asplundh Tree Service   | Mar 20, 2009      | Dec 31, 2009    |

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Tree trimming contracts consist of tree trimming/removals, chipping, on-site mulching, removal, clean-up, and disposal in approved landfills of all trimmed limbs, branches and debris.

Brush clearing contracts consist of the cutting, piling, chipping, and/or otherwise removing brush and shrubs near distribution lines, transmission lines, communications lines, and/or hydro-electric generating facilities.

(b) The pricing change from 2009 to the 2010 forecast is approximately 4%. This change is due to an estimated increase in contract prices. The scope of work is similar in 2009 and 2010.