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Q. Reference Volume 1, p. 2-22

The evidence of NP states "Substations and distribution expenditures reflect the need to expand capacity related to aggregate increases in customer load." Please compare the rates of growth in aggregate customer load both actual and forecast with the rate of increase in expenditure for substations from 2007 through 2010.

A. Table 1 includes rates of growth in aggregate customer load both actual and forecast with the rate of increase in expenditure for substations from 2007 through 2010F.

Table 1 Substation Capital Expenditure and Energy Sales 2007 – 2010F

	2007	2008	2009F	2010F
Substations (\$000s)	5,077	7,063	7,501	10,218
Percent Change	14.5%	39.1%	6.2%	36.2%
Energy Sales ¹ (GWh)	5,092.8	5,208.2	5,266.2	5,328.1
Percent Change	2.0%	2.3%	1.1%	1.2%

¹ Total Energy sales, Customer, Energy and Demand Forecast, Volume 2, Tab 6, Appendix B, page 1 of 1, line 31.