

1 **Q. In respect of the valuation of OPEB's for accrual purposes, please identify the**  
2 **source of the trend ratios for claims cost and increases in utilization by ratios used**  
3 **in Retiree Claims Cost Analysis.**  
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5 A. The trend and utilization rates reflect an industry wide study completed by the  
6 Company's actuary in 2007 and includes various OPEB plans in Canada. The trend and  
7 utilization rates also take into account past experience of Newfoundland Power.