

1 **Q. Regarding response to Request for Information CA-NP-141, please explain what**  
2 **portion, if any, of the \$250,000 for 2010 Consulting Fees and what portion, if any, of**  
3 **the \$349,000 for 2010 Legal Fees relate to the Newfoundland Power 2010 GRA or a**  
4 **future GRA.**

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6 A. All of the Company's costs related to this proceeding, other than third party costs  
7 incurred by the Board and the Consumer Advocate, are expected to be incurred and  
8 expensed in 2009.

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10 For 2010, the Company has forecast \$175,000 for legal fees associated with regulation.  
11 This is referred to as Regulatory (GRA) Legal Fees in the response to Request for  
12 Information CA-NP-138, and is included in the \$349,000 in Legal Fees for 2010F in the  
13 responses to Requests for Information CA-NP-135 (1<sup>st</sup> Revision) and CA-NP-141 (1<sup>st</sup>  
14 Revision).

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16 For 2010, the Company has forecast \$100,000 for fees for expert evidence associated  
17 with regulatory proceedings. This is referred to as Cost of Capital Expert in the response  
18 to Request for Information CA-NP-135 (1<sup>st</sup> Revision) and is included in the \$250,000 in  
19 Consultant Fees for 2010F referred to in the response to Request for Information CA-NP-  
20 141 (1<sup>st</sup> Revision). In addition, the Company has forecast \$40,000 for fees associated  
21 with the Retail Rate Review. This is included in Other Company Fees for 2010F referred  
22 to in the response to Request for Information CA-NP-141 (1<sup>st</sup> Revision).

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24 This forecast of \$315,000 in costs for 2010 (\$175,000 in Legal Fees, \$100,000 in expert  
25 evidence costs, and \$40,000 in Other Company Fees) represents the Company's estimate  
26 of 2010 costs associated with regulatory proceedings.

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28 Currently, the Company expects that a hearing into matters associated with the Industrial  
29 Customers' current interim rates will occur in 2010. Proceedings related to the Retail  
30 Rate Review, including a technical conference and possibly a hearing, are also expected  
31 to occur in 2010.

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33 In addition, it is possible that Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro may file a General Rate  
34 Application in 2010. It is also possible that Newfoundland Power may file either a  
35 General Rate Application in 2010 or some alternative application seeking regulatory  
36 relief. (This has been referred to in this hearing and is canvassed in the response to  
37 Request for Information PUB-NP-12.) Finally, proceedings related to consideration of an  
38 automatic adjustment formula are possible for 2010.

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40 Given the Company's outlook for regulatory activity in 2010, the \$315,000 forecast for  
41 costs associated with regulatory proceedings is reasonable.