

1 Q. (Finance Schedule III)

2 Please provide a detailed explanation for the increase in professional service costs
3 from 2007 to 2013 forecast (i.e. actual \$3.86 million to \$7.02 million).

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6 A. The increase in professional services of \$3.1 million is primarily due to the
7 following:

- 8 • An increase in consulting costs of \$1.5 million primarily due to a \$1.0 million
9 increase as a result of the CDM program and an increase in environmental
10 site assessments of \$0.4 million;
- 11 • An increase in PUB related costs of \$1.2 million primarily due to an increase
12 of \$0.6 million in costs associated with external consultants and experts for
13 regulatory issues and \$0.3 million due to an increase in the Board annual
14 assessment; and
- 15 • An increase in software acquisition and maintenance costs of \$0.4 million
16 due primarily to \$0.3 million in costs associated with new software
17 programs and an increase of \$0.2 million in vendor prices for additional
18 licenses.