Q. Please confirm that the basis of the Board's acceptance of "NP's proposal to recognize \$3,086,000 of the 2005 Unbilled Revenue in 2006 to offset the income tax effects associated with the tax settlement" (P.U. 40 (2005), 14:25-26) was that "The final 2006 income tax effects include i) \$2.921 million related to the recognition of the 2005 Unbilled Revenue for income tax purposes equally over 2006-2008, and ii) \$165,000 related to the adoption of the Accrual Method of revenue recognition for income tax purposes in 2006." (P.U. 40 (2005), 13:28-31).

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9 A. The forecast income tax effects associated with the tax settlement, as filed in Exhibit
10 NP-2 of the 2006 Accounting Policy Application, included income taxes of \$2,921,000
11 related to the forecast 2005 Unbilled Revenue and \$165,000 related to the adoption of the
12 Accrual Method of revenue recognition for income tax purposes in 2006.

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In making its determination in Order No. P.U. 40 (2005), the Board clearly recognized that the forecast amount of 2005 Unbilled Revenue of \$24.3 million was an approximation. In addition, in considering the specific recognition of the amount of \$3,086,000 in 2006, the Board referred to Grant Thornton's opinion that the forecast calculations were appropriate and reasonable.

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20 Please refer to the Responses to Requests for Information CA-5.0 NP and CA-6.0 NP.