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Please describe the nature of the short-term borrowings in line 45, and (b) compare the average annual cost rate for these short-term borrowings with the average annual interest rate paid on the Company's long-term debt, for each of the years 2002 through forecast 2008.
A. Newfoundland Power has unsecured bank credit facilities of $\$ 120$ million, comprised of a syndicated $\$ 100$ million committed credit facility which matures on January 20, 2009 and a $\$ 20$ million uncommitted demand facility. Short-term borrowings generally consist of bankers' acceptances under the committed facility and demand loans issued against the uncommitted demand facility.

The annual average short term borrowing rate for each of the years 2002 through forecast 2008 is as follows:

| 2002 | $2.75 \%$ |
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| 2003 | $3.20 \%$ |
| 2004 | $2.52 \%$ |
| 2005 | $3.27 \%$ |
| 2006 | $4.62 \%$ |
| 2007 F | $4.91 \%$ |
| 2008 E | $5.00 \%$ |

The annual average cost of long term debt for each of the years 2002 through forecast 2008 is as follows:

| 2002 | $8.76 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2003 | $9.19 \%$ |
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| 2005 | $8.77 \%$ |
| 2006 | $8.62 \%$ |
| 2007 F | $8.62 \%$ |
| 2008 E | $7.90 \%$ |

