

1 **Volume 3, Section 2 – Browne, Regulatory Accounting**

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3 **Q. Please compare the ratepayer impact of dealing with the transition from one**  
4 **method to the other (i.e. to the accrual method) at this hearing versus at the last NP**  
5 **GRA.**

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7 A. Newfoundland Power informed me that, due to changes in underlying actuarial  
8 assumptions, a meaningful comparison cannot be made between the OPEBs costs  
9 (including the transition costs) at Newfoundland Power’s last GRA and the OPEBs costs  
10 addressed in the current GRA. Any attempt to recalculate the costs using similar  
11 assumptions would be costly and time consuming. Moreover, if Newfoundland Power  
12 were to recalculate its OPEB costs for its last GRA using current assumptions, the results  
13 would not be comparable to what was presented in its last GRA.