- Q. Reference: CA-NP-85: when were the department forecasts consolidated into a corporate forecast and when was the corporate forecast reviewed and approved by the Executive. Please provide a copy of the corporate forecast that was submitted for the review and approval of the Executive.
- A. Preparation of the departmental budgets for the 2008 test year commenced in mid-year 2006, and culminated in the final approval of the corporate forecast in the first quarter of 2007.
- Table 1 provides the consolidated corporate operating forecast as initially submitted, and as subsequently approved by the executive.

Table 1 2008 Forecast (000s)

	Initial	Approved	
<u>Breakdown</u>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Change</b>
Regular and Standby	\$ 25,720	\$ 25,188	-532
Temporary	1,972	2,040	68
Overtime	1,559	1,443	-116
Total Labour	29,251	28,671	-580
Vehicle Expenses	1,470	1,495	25
Operating Materials	1,199	1,124	-75
Inter-Company Charges	570	568	-2
Plants, Subs, System Oper & Bldgs	1,794	1,820	26
Travel	1,086	987	-99
Tools and Clothing Allowance	863	836	-27
Miscellaneous	1,466	1,486	20
Taxes and Assessments	680	680	0
Uncollectible Bills	1,050	1,050	0
Insurances	1,763	1,775	12
Retirement Allowances	175	175	0
Education, Training, Employee Fees	267	248	-19
Trustee and Directors' Fees	395	395	0
Other Company Fees	1,391	1,418	27
Stationery & Copying	381	372	-9
Equipment Rental/Maintenance	775	725	-50
Telecommunications	1,657	1,630	-27
Postage	1,573	1,571	-2
Advertising	368	371	3
Vegetation Management	1,337	1,400	63
Computing Equipment & Software	789	776	-13
<b>Total Other</b>	21,049	20,902	-147
Sub total	50,300	49,573	-727
Deferred Regulatory Costs	417	417	0
Pension Costs	2,220	2,220	0
ERP (retirement allowances & pension)	1,128	1,128	0
<b>Total Gross Operating Expenses</b>	54,065	53,338	-727
Transfer to GEC	-2,100	-2,100	0
<b>Net Operating Expenses</b>	\$ 51,965	\$ 51,238	-727