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Section 2: Customer Operations/Operating Costs

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Q. Reference: "2025/2026 General Rate Application," Newfoundland Power Inc., December 12, 2023, vol. 1, Exhibits, exh. 2/16.
Please explain what is included in Severance and Other Employee Costs by year for 2022 to 2026 Forecast including 2023 Actuals and 2022 and 2023 Test Years.

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A. Severance and other employee costs include costs borne by the Company associated with the departure of employees, either through termination or retirement. Severance payments may occur when employment is terminated for various reasons.¹

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Table 1 provides severance and employee costs for 2022 to 2026 forecast.

Table 1: Severance and Other Employee Costs 2022TY to 2026F (\$000s)

2022TY	2023TY	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F	2026F
131	133	156	214	160	163	166

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For example, this includes when a position is eliminated or relocated due to changing work requirements, or if an employee who has been on long-term disability is unable to resume their regular position and an alternate position cannot be provided.