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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-92: **Please update Figure 2.10 "Uncommitted Volumes" on page 57 of the Application effective to the date of NSPI's response to this Information Request.**

Response IR-92: The response to this question is confidential.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-93: **Please update Figure 2.11 "Mix of Solid Fuel Blends for Generation" on page 58 of the Application effective to the date of NSPI's response to this Information Request.**

Response IR-93: The response to this question is confidential.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-94: **Please update Figure 2.3 "NSPI Solid Fuel Portfolio Table" on page 44 of the Application effective to the date of NSPI's response to this Information Request.**

Response IR-94: The response to this question is confidential.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-95: **Please update Figure 2.4 "Summary of Portfolio Status" on page 45 of the Application effective to the date of NSPI's response to this Information Request.**

Response IR-95: Please refer to Confidential Attachment 1.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-96: **Since the date of the Application, please list all contracts entered into, contract revisions, and the exercise of any options (either to utilize the option or not), related to fuel acquisition. Please specify the fuel type, quantity, and price. Please explain in detail the impact of each of these items on the 2007 fuel forecast provided in the initial Application.**

Response IR-96: Please refer to the table below for a list of all contracts entered into since the date of the fuel forecast contained in the Application.





The 2007 fuel forecast is as presented in NSPI's Direct Evidence.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-97: **Utilizing committed tonnages to the date of the response to this Information Request, and accounting for all options exercised (either to elect to take tonnage, or to not take tonnage), please indicate NSPI's current estimate of solid fuel expense for 2007 applying NSPI's forecast cost for uncommitted fuels only to those which remain uncommitted as of the date of response to this Information Request.**

Response IR-97: Please refer to SEB IR-112 and SEB IR-124.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-98: **Taking account of all contracts entered into, contract revisions made, and options exercised (either to utilize the option or not), please provide NSPI's calculation of its solid fuel expense for 2007 utilizing the petcoke pricing set forth in the Jacobs Consultancy Report entitled "Petroleum Coke Price Forecast & Supply Study Final Draft November 06" provided by NSPI in the confidential data room.**

Response IR-98: Please refer to Liberty IR-69.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-99: **Taking account of all contracts entered into, contract revisions made, and options exercised (either to utilize the option or not), please provide NSPI's calculation of its solid fuel expense for 2007 utilizing the coal pricing set forth in the report of Hill & Associates Inc., entitled "International Coal Trade: Supply, Demand and Prices to 2015 (2006 Edition)" provided by NSPI in the confidential data room.**

Response IR-99: Please refer to Liberty IR-69.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-100: **Taking account of all contracts entered into, contract revisions made, and options exercised (either to utilize the option or not), please provide NSPI's calculation of its solid fuel expense for 2007 utilizing both the petcoke pricing set forth in the Jacobs Consultancy Report entitled "Petroleum Coke Price Forecast & Supply Study Final Draft November 06" and the coal pricing set forth in the report of Hill & Associates Inc., entitled "International Coal Trade Supply, Demand and Prices to 2015 (2006 Edition)" provided by NSPI in the confidential data room.**

Response IR-100: Applying the Hill & Associates and Jacobs forecasts would result in a forecasted fuel expense which would be approximately $4 million (USD) less than the NSPI consensus forecast. NSPI transacts at actual market costs which are not representative of the prices provided in these forecasts. The current market prices for petroleum coke and high sulphur (HS) coal in 2007 are significantly higher than these forecasts.

NSPI did not have uncommitted volumes of HS coal incorporated with the October 2006 filed fuel forecast. For purposes of completing the calculations below, a consensus as of November 30, 2006 was applied in the calculation.

Updated Open Position Pricing (H & A and Jacobs)

Quantity	Sulphur (Wt. %)	GCV (Btu/Lbs)	Consensus Hill & Jacobs Price (USD/MT)	Difference	Total (000)	
[redacted]						
					$4,035.1	USD[1]

Note 1: This value is based on forecasts that do not reflect actual market prices.

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FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-101: **With respect to SEB's initial IR-1, NSPI's response was to refer to UARB IR-4. The response to UARB IR-4 did not answer the question posed in the second paragraph of SEB IR-1. That question is repeated as follows:**

> **"Please indicate the amount by which the coal, petroleum coke, oil and natural gas prices exceeded the original estimate in NSPI's 2006 Rate Application filing on a commodity by commodity basis." [Based on the actual estimated fuel cost expected for 2006]**

Please provide an answer to the above-noted Information Request.

Response IR-101: Please see table below.

Calculation of Commodity Price Increases			
	2006F $/MMBTU	2006 Rate Application $/MMBTU	Increase/ (Decrease)
HFO	[redacted]		
Natural Gas			
Coal			
Petroleum Coke			

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FROM: **SEB** **REDACTED**

Question IR-102: **[redacted], and what NSPI's current thinking is with respect to [redacted]. Please advise as to what has occurred if [redacted] option has been exercised.**

Response IR-102: The response to this question is confidential.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-103: **In response to SEB IR-18, NSPI stated that it estimated that the trade discussed in the response had a [redacted] Please explain in detail how this figure was developed.**

Response IR-103: The calculation compared the cost of [redacted] on an SO_2 adjusted basis delivered to Lingan for the equivalent MMBtu. The calculations are shown below.

[redacted]

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-104: **In response to SEB IR-24, NSPI refers to forward pricing data as of July 31, 2006, which is the forward curve date NSPI used to produce the 2007 forecast natural gas prices. Using forward pricing data as of the date of the response to this Information Request, please quantify the impact this would have on NSPI's 2007 forecast natural gas prices. Please provide a copy of the forward pricing data utilized in responding to this Information Request.**

Response IR-104: Using the forward pricing curve as of November 27, 2006 and recognizing existing hedged positions for natural gas at this same time period, there would be a decrease in the estimated fuel expense of approximately $6.6 million associated with the projected gas burn in 2007. As a result of lower gas prices, this decrease is offset by lower margins from the resale of natural gas of $6.3 million.

Please refer to Confidential Attachment 1. Please refer to UARB IR-104 Revised.

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TO: **NSPI**

FROM: **SEB** **REDACTED**

Question IR-105: **In Figure 2.4 of the Application, NSPI showed [redacted] In response to SEB IR-34, NSPI refers to the recently [redacted] into the 2007 fuel forecast. Please identify the 2007 tonnage arising from the [redacted] and indicate in detail how the anticipated savings were already incorporated into the 2007 fuel forecast.**

Response IR-105: Please refer to SEB IR-122 for the 2007 tonnage.

The anticipated saving was incorporated into the 2007 fuel forecast as follows:

$280.0M In Liberty IR-10, UARB IR-4 and UARB IR-84, NSPI provided the total delivered cost of all solid fuel at each plant in 2007.

Other items:

[redacted]

$276.8M Total solid fuel costs per Direct Evidence, Appendix A, Table 8 and Liberty IR-44

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FROM: SEB

Question IR-106: **In response to SEB IR-51 regarding the unhedged portion of the HFO purchases for 2007, NSPI refers to a price curve which represents the forward HFO 2.2 percent prices as of July 31, 2006. Please indicate the impact on the 2007 forecast if the price curve for HFO 2.2 percent existing as of the date of the response to this Information Request was utilized. Please provide a copy of the forward pricing data utilized in responding to this Information Request.**

Response IR-106: Using the forward pricing curve as of November 27, 2006 and considering existing hedged positions for HFO at this same time period, there would be a reduction to the forecasted fuel expense of approximately $7.7 million.

Please refer to SEB IR-104 Attachment 1.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-107: **NSPI's response to SEB IR-75(c) was not fully responsive. Please respond to the hypothetical question posed assuming a similar fuel deferral mechanism to that being requested by NSPI had been put in place for the period January 1, 2006 through April 1, 2006.**

Response IR-107: NSPI cannot provide the hypothetical response because the Company did not seek a fuel deferral mechanism for 2006. The calculation was not completed for 2006.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-108: **Please provide the following information:**

a. **The estimated total solid fuel cost (excluding petroleum coke) submitted in support of the 2006 test year rate review. In addition supply the total generation in MWh in 2006 assigned to solid fuel burn (excluding petroleum coke)**

b. **The estimated total solid fuel cost (including petroleum coke) submitted in support of the 2006 test year rate review. In addition supply the total generation in 2006 assigned to solid fuel burn (including petroleum coke)**

c. **The actual total solid fuel cost (excluding petroleum coke) that will be incurred in 2006 together with the level of generation supported by solid fuel burn (excluding petroleum coke)**

d. **The actual total solid fuel cost (including petroleum coke) that will be incurred in 2006 together with the level of generation supported by solid fuel burn (including petroleum coke)**

e. **The estimated total solid fuel cost (excluding petroleum coke) submitted in support of the 2007 test year rate review. In addition supply the total generation in 2007 assigned to solid fuel burn (excluding petroleum coke)**

f. **The estimated total solid fuel cost (including petroleum coke) submitted in support of the 2007 test year rate review. In addition supply the total generation in 2007 assigned to solid fuel burn (including petroleum coke).**

Response IR-108: a.-f. The solid fuel costs for the 2006 test year (2006C), forecasts 2006 (2006F) and forecasted 2007 test year (2007) are detailed in the table. The associated levels of generation are also included. All

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FROM: **SEB** **REDACTED**

Response IR-108: (cont'd)

values have been determined with and without the inclusion of petroleum coke. See table below.

$millions	2006C		2006F *		2007	
	$CAD	GWh	$CAD	GWh	$CAD	GWh
Excluding Petroleum Coke	[redacted]					
Including Petroleum Coke	[redacted]					

* Reflects major customer temporarily shutdown and fewer heating degree days.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-109: **Please provide information on the tonnage of coal that was purchased in 2006 under short term delivery arrangements (i.e. less than one year).**

Response IR-109: Please refer to SEB IR-94.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-110: **Please indicate the tonnage of coal that NSPI anticipates purchasing under short term arrangements in 2007.**

Response IR-110: NSPI has [redacted] of solid fuel open for 2007. This open solid fuel volume may be purchased under long term, medium term or short term arrangements, and consistent with NSPI's fuel portfolio strategy.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-111: **From a review of documents in the data room mention is made of a [redacted] with subsequent comments indicating that this negotiation had been terminated. Please advise of the current status of these negotiations and provide a history of these negotiations to date.**

Response IR-111: The response to this question is confidential.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-112: **Additional solid fuel contracts have been negotiated since submission of the application. Please provide in total dollar terms the reduction in coal purchase costs that will result from these purchases for the 2007 test year.**

Response IR-112: The total projected dollar reduction in solid fuel forecast for the 2007 test year based on the negotiation of additional fuel contracts would be approximately $3.1 million. This reduction is a combination of new contracts, contract revisions, options exercised (either to utilize the option, or not) and the optimization of solid fuel blends.

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FROM: SEB

Question IR-113: **Having now received coal price forecasts from Hill and Associates and petroleum coke forecasts from Jacobs will NSPI be revising the cost of the uncommitted tonnages of these commodities downwards for 2007 as part of its application?**

Response IR-113: No.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-114: **Please indicate the date on which NSPI received the Hill and Associates forecast?**

Response IR-114: NSPI received a spreadsheet of prices in June 2006.

NSPI received online access to the complete 2006 Edition of Hill and Associates' International Coal Trade: Supply, Demand, and Prices to 2015 on September 6, 2006. NSPI received a hard copy of it the week of September 18, 2006.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-115: **With lower petroleum coke prices forecast will NSPI be increasing the burn of petroleum coke at the expense of other solid fuels.**

Response IR-115: Actual petroleum coke prices are at all time highs. NSPI's 2007 fuel forecast is unchanged.

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FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-116: **Having concluded a new supply contract [redacted] that will increase the quantity of domestic fuel what will be the impact on the 2007 solid fuel portfolio on a grade by grade and tonnage basis.**

Response IR-116: Please refer to SEB IR-95.

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FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-117: **Please split the tonnage in Figure 2.4 (both required and committed) between Mid Sulfur and High Sulfur. Please provide the response with respect to both Figure 2.4 in the Application and Figure 2.4 as updated in response to SEB IR-95.**

Response IR-117: The response to this question is confidential.

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FROM: SEB

Question IR-118: **SEB IR-42 b asked for the environmental book value of each generating unit as of December 21, 2006. Instead the response provided the asset retirement liability balance. Please answer the information request as originally posed.**

Response IR-118: This question refers to Appendix G of NSPI's Direct Evidence, Exhibit 2A, page 1 of 3, line 1, column 3, Steam Plant rate base classified as energy-related. This portion of rate base is classified as energy related due to environmental controls and fuel conversion considerations. The following table provides the average environmental controls and fuel conversion mid-year net plant values for 2007:

Steam Plant	Description	Amount ($000)
Pt. Aconi	Environmental Controls	$50,268
Pt. Tupper	Fuel Conversion	41,694
Tufts Cove	Fuel Conversion	21,150
TOTAL		**$113,112**

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-119: **The response to SEB IR-26 references an unreconciled difference of approximately 12,000 tonnes between Figures 2.4 and 2.10. Which Figure is correct?**

Response IR-119: Figure 2.10 is correct.

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FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-120: **With reference to Confidential SEB IR-31, Attachment 1, please provide the contract execution date for each line.**

Response IR-120: The response to this question is confidential.

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FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-121: **The response to SEB IR-12 refers to an assumed [redacted] increase for [redacted] tonnage, which appears to be consistent with Figure 2.4 tonnage of a total of [redacted]. However Confidential SEB IR-45 shows a maximum total tonnage [redacted] for this source. Which is correct?**

Response IR-121: The response to this question is confidential.

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FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-122: **The response to SEB IR-34 states that the domestic coal volumes are no longer expected to decrease from 2006 to 2007. Nevertheless Confidential SEB IR-45 Attachment 2 does not include any domestic coal for the physical fuel commitment. Please provide the details of the domestic physical commitment that appears to be missing from that Attachment.**

Response IR-122: Please refer to the table below.

LS Coal	Quantity (MT)					
Supplier	Date	Minimum	Base	Maximum	CV	$US/MT
[redacted]	[redacted]					

Note: $US/MT price as delivered to plan

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Question IR-123: **Please provide the expected average transportation cost, per metric tonne for**

a. South American Coal
b. Northern Appalachia Coal
c. Petcoke [redacted]
d. Domestic Coal

Response IR-123: Please refer to Confidential Attachment 1.

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Question IR-124: Please complete the following matrix for the Test Year as of the date of the response to this Information Request:

Fuel Type	Committed Volume	Hedged Price	Uncommitted Volume	Forecasted Spot Price	Total Cost
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	bXc + dXe
LS Coal					
MS Coal					
HS Coal					
Pet Coke					
Domestic Coal					
Solid Transporation					
Natural Gas					
HFO					
LFO					
Other Transportation					

The prices for international coal should be FOB Load port, the price for domestic coal should be delivered to the plant, and the price for petcoke should be delivered to the discharge port. Transportation costs should include all such costs included in the fuel budget that are not shown on the other lines.

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Response IR-124:

Commodity	Committed Volume	Hedged Price	Uncommitted Volume	Forecasted Spot Price	Total Cost
	000's	$USD	000's	$USD	$USD
[redacted]					

* Figures do not include the effects of inventories.

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FROM: SEB

Question IR-125: **For each of NSPI's generation units (including IPP and economy purchases considered as units) please provide the hourly generation by hour for 2005. Please provide this information in electronically readable format.**

Response IR-125: NSPI respectfully suggests that this information is not relevant to the 2007 test year.

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FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-126: **Please provide any information that NSPI has on typical or actual hourly usage by rate class for 2005.**

Response IR-126: Please refer to the Confidential Microsoft Excel Attachment filed electronically which lists the estimated hourly sales by rate class for the year 2005.

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FROM: SEB

Question IR-127: **In response to SEB IR-76, NSPI states that since August 31, 2006 it has valued its inventory based on a weighted average cost method.**

a. Please explain the reason for the change.

b. What method had been used prior to August 2006?

c. What accounts were debited and credited when the change in valuation was made, and what amounts were posted to each account?

d. Are those adjustments reflected in the financial tables of Appendix A?

Response IR-127:

a. NSPI changed its inventory valuation to the weighted average cost method to be more reflective of the company's fuel consumption. The change has been approved by the UARB.

b. Prior to August 2006, the First-in, First-out basis was used.

c. Inventory was debited for $265,000 and fuel was credited for $265,000 when the change in valuation was made.

d. The Adjustment for the 2006 forecast is not reflected in the financial tables of Appendix A. However, the 2007 forecast does reflect the change in accounting policy.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-128: **Based upon the data provided in Confidential SEB IR-55, Attachment 2, the cost per MWh of generation of Trenton 6 appears to be approximately 29% less in the months of January, February, and March than in the remaining nine months. This large discrepancy does not appear to be explainable by a difference in the heat rate. Please fully explain why the cost in the first three months for this unit is so different from the cost per MWh of generation in the balance of the year.**

Response IR-128: The response to this question is confidential.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-129: **What is NSPI's allowable limit in SO2 tonnes per year for 2007 and 2008?**

Response IR-129: 2007 108,750 tonnes
2008 108,750 tonnes

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-130: **With reference to Confidential SEB IR-44, Attachment 1, please explain why NSPI cannot burn** [redacted]

Response IR-130: NSPI did not state that Pt. Aconi cannot burn [redacted]

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-131: **With reference to Confidential SEB IR-44, Attachment 1, please explain why NSPI cannot burn [redacted] Pt. Tupper?**

Response IR-131: NSPI did not state that Pt. Tupper cannot burn [redacted]

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-132: **With reference to Confidential SEB IR-44, Attachment 1, please explain why NSPI cannot burn [redacted] Trenton 5?**

Response IR-132: NSPI did not state that Trenton 5 cannot burn [redacted]

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-133: **Please provide the actual periods each of NSPI's eight coal-fired units were down for planned maintenance in each of the years 2001 through 2006?**

Response IR-133: Please refer to Confidential Attachment 1.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-134: **The monthly fuel cost totals shown on Confidential SEB IR-55, Attachment 2, Page 4 of 4, totals to approximately [redacted] for 2007. Please reconcile that figure with the [redacted] million in total fuel cost for generation forecast for the test year shown on Table 8, line 10, column 5.**

Response IR-134: In order to reconcile the costs from Strategist as outlined in SEB IR-55 (Attachment 2, Page 4 of 4) to Table 8, column 5 of the Direct Evidence, the cost of export sales ([redacted] on line 24) should be added to the [redacted] on line 10. This is consistent with all thermal fuel costs to meet the full load requirement as outlined in SEB IR-55 Attachment 2, Page 4 of 4. Please refer to Confidential Attachment 1 for the reconciliation of the total [redacted] million to the Strategist output of [redacted].

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-135: **Please justify and support the classification of the $31.8 million of purchased power expense into fixed and variable as shown on lines 2 and 3, column 1 of Exhibit 5 of Attachment G.**

Response IR-135: Typical product bundles available when entering into purchased power contracts are:

- Non-firm energy, which can be viewed primarily as variable cost;
- Firm energy, which can be viewed as a mixture of fixed and variable costs;
- Capacity only, which can be viewed primarily as fixed costs.

The expected mix of these three products produces the classification split shown on Exhibit 5 of Attachment G in the Direct Evidence.

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FROM: SEB

Question IR-136: **Please provide a version of Confidential SEB IR-55, Attachment 2, pages 1 through 4, with no exports assumed.**

Response IR-136: Please refer to Liberty IR-69.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB **REDACTED**

Question IR-137: **Please reconcile each of the monthly fuel costs shown in Confidential spreadsheet SEB IR-66, Column B, cells 11 through 22, with the monthly total thermal fuel costs shown on Confidential SEB IR-55, Attachment 2, Page 4 of 4.**

Response IR-137: Please refer to Confidential Attachment 1.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-138: **In the Fuel Manual report provided in response to Liberty IR-3, it describes a Monthly Actuals Fuel Report (page 8 of the Manual). Please provide those reports for each month January, 2005 to the present.**

Response IR-138: This confidential information is available for viewing at NSPI offices.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-139: **In the Fuel Manual report provided in response to Liberty IR-3, it describes a Monthly Fuel Report which includes forecasts and variance analysis (page 9 of the Manual). Please provide those reports for each month January, 2005 to the present.**

Response IR-139: This confidential information is available for viewing at NSPI offices.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-140: **Please provide the details of any long term debt financing that NSPI or Emera (specify which) has contracted for in 2006 and specify the terms and interest rate for each tranche.**

Response IR-140: NSPI did not contract any additional long term debt in 2006.

Holders of NSPI's, 5.20 percent, $40,000,000, Series P Medium Term Notes, issued April 5, 1999, held an option to retract, or step-up. The option allowed the holders to redeem all or a portion of the principal amount of the Notes held by such Noteholder on April 09, 2006. Any portion of the principal amount of the Notes not redeemed will bear interest at a rate of 6.28 percent per annum until maturity on April 9, 2029. On April 9, 2006, no Noteholders redeemed and all $40,000,000 remains outstanding at the new term and rate.

Emera did not contract any long term debt in 2006.

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TO: NSPI

FROM: SEB

Question IR-141: **Please provide NSPI's estimate of any long term debt financing that NSPI plans on doing for 2007.**

Response IR-141: NSPI does not plan to issue long term debt in 2007.