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Mr. Bowar,

A couple of questions on the above filing. Please e-file your responses to the Commission so the answers will become part of the docket.

1. Explain why the Switch upgrades estimated to take place in wire center 895 did not take place as planned (Exhibit A).

In 2006, Kennebec was anticipating upgrades for the switch software. The manufacture of the switch used by Kennebec stopped the software upgrade program in 2007 but they continue to support the switch software.

2. Explain why the AFC cabinets in country were less than planned in wire center 895 (Exhibit A).

One AFC cabinet was installed and one range extender were installed in wire center 895, originally two AFC cabinets were planned. Therefore there was less spending.

3. Explain the Special transmission project estimated to take place in 2009 and 2010 in wire center 895 (Exhibit B).

The Special transmission project spending for 2009 and 2010 is for annual software upgrades.

If you should have any questions regarding this request, please contact me.

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