

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application, Schedule B, page 40) Regarding the New Services**
2 **program, is the \$1,445 figure for cost per connection in Table 1 in 2024**
3 **dollars as stated in Note 1, or 2025 dollars?**
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- 5 A. For the *New Services* program, the Company is forecasting 2,220 new customer
6 connections in 2025 at a cost per connection of \$1,445 in 2025 dollars.
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- 8 The cost per customer figures in Table 1 for 2020 through 2024 forecast are inflation-
9 adjusted in 2024 dollars. The average of those costs is inflated by the GDP Deflator for
10 Canada for non-labour costs and the Company's internal labour inflation rate for labour
11 costs, and then multiplied by the forecast number of new customers for 2025 to
12 determine the 2025 budget estimate.