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]	1 SEPTEMBER 23, 2015		1	year for 2014? We can see those puts and
1 2	2 (9:05 a.m.)		2	takes and give us some reasoning behind each
3	3 CHAIRMAN:		3	one of the differences, that kind of thing.
	Q. I understand there are no preliminary matters,		4 MF	R. HENDERSON:
1 5	so we can go right to Mr. O'Brien, sir.		5	A. I would think we should be able to do that.
1	6 MR. O'BRIEN:		6 MF	R. O'BRIEN:
1 7	Q. Thank you, Mr. Chair.		7	Q. Okay, and how about the 2015 to where you are
1	8 MR. DARREN MOORE - CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. O'BRIEN		8	right now versus the test year, there's those
و	9 MR. ROBERT HENDERSON - CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. O'BRIE	EN	9	types of puts and takes, is that possible to
10	0 MR. TERRY GARDINER - CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. O'BRIEN		10	provide us that type of information as well?
11	1 MR. O'BRIEN:		11 MF	R. HENDERSON:
12	Q. Mr. Henderson, I wanted to pick up on a point		12	A. In terms of those types of things, I guess, we
13	we discussed yesterday about the vacancy		13	can show year to date how things have -
14	adjustment, and I just wanted to see if I've		14 MF	R. O'BRIEN:
15	gotten your position straight, is that when we		15	Q. Yeah, versus what was built into the test year
16	talked about the vacancy adjustment of 40, I		16	with the reconciliations as to why it's
17	guess, that's in each of the test years, it		17	different, that sort of thing?
18	was your position that we should keep that 40		18 MF	R. HENDERSON:
19	because there could be some puts and takes in		19	A. I think with respect to the FTEs, we can give
20	terms of what the test year figures are, so		20	that - I think Mr. McDonald gave a projection.
21	there may be a 65 vacancy actuality in 2015,		21 MF	R. O'BRIEN:
22	but there might be more overtime charged or		22	Q. Yeah.
23	something like that. Is that correct?		23 MF	R. HENDERSON:
24	4 MR. HENDERSON:		24	A. And we can indicate to you the puts and takes
25	A. That would be those things happening, yes.		25	that impact on that vacancy.
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	1 MR. O'BRIEN:		1 MF	R. O'BRIEN:
2	Q. And would that be the same with - a		2	Q. Yeah, so you could show us, say, the
] 3	possibility with a number of other of the		3	projection for 2015 until the end of the year
	expenses throughout the test year?		4	and what you expected versus what the actual

- 4 expenses throughout the test year?
- 5 MR. HENDERSON:
- 6 A. There could be some other impacts, such as in
- system equipment and maintenance, there may be
- 8 impacts related to hiring contract labour, for
- 9 instance.
- 10 MR. O'BRIEN:
- 11 Q. Okay, and one of the things when I looked
- through some of the documents last night, we
- do have actuals there for 2014, and you can
- see obviously that the forecast doesn't
- correspond with the actuals, which is what you
- would expect, you're not necessarily going to
- be perfect with your forecast, but we also
- have a document there where we saw
- 16 have a document there where we sav
- reconciliation for the two test years from
- 20 2014 and 2015 showing the differences between
- 21 the two, and there's notes at the bottom
- saying here's why 2015 is different in this
- area, here's why it's different in that area,
- that kind of thing. Is it possible to get a
- 25 reconciliation of the actuals versus the test

- and what you expected versus what the actual
- 5 forecast was in the test year with some
- 6 reconciliation like that?

#### 7 MR. HENDERSON:

- 8 A. We could show those types of things. I'm not
- 9 sure what detail we'd have at this point, but
- we can certainly provide something. I'm not
- we can certainly provide something. I in not
- sure in terms of how up to date we'd have that and that sort of thing.
- 13 MR. CASS:
- 14 Q. Mr. Chair, perhaps we could take this away and
- see what is the best that we can do to respond
- to the question. I'm not sure at this point
- iust what can be done, but we could take it
- away and see what best that can be done.
- 19 MR. O'BRIEN:

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- 20 Q. Because I am going to ask for an undertaking
- 21 that that be done, but I have to have had a
  - discussion with Mr. Young in terms of whether
- or not he can take that away, and if it can be
- done, then fine, to provide it if they're
  - prepared to provide it, but if not, I guess,

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we may have to come back with that request for	the Rates and Regulatory Manager. It was
2 an undertaking for the record.	2 presented to me, the financial outlook for the
3 MR. YOUNG:	3 coming year, we had updated some financial
4 Q. That's true, Mr. Chair, Mr. O'Brien was kind	4 plan information, and given the length of time
5 enough to tip me off on this just a few	5 that it had occurred with respect to the 2013,
6 minutes before the hearing this morning, so I	6 which was the test year, versus where we were
7 did have a few brief minutes to discuss it and	7 seeing things were going, with that length of
8 to get my head around it. I think we need to	8 time that had transpired, we felt that in
9 explore that further and see what useful	9 terms of Hydro's financial outlook, it looked
information can be provided.	to be - it was most appropriate to file with
11 MR. O'BRIEN:	additional information to update and go
12 Q. Okay.	forward with the 2014 and 2015 test year. If
13 MS. GLYNN:	that wasn't the case, it was very likely that
Q. So we'll come back to this as an undertaking.	we would have to turn around and have another
15 MR. O'BRIEN:	application right after the 2013 one, you
16 Q. Yes, thank you.	know, with the 2013 test year, and that would
17 MS. GLYNN:	have certainly been, I'll say, inefficient in
18 Q. Thank you.	the sense of us going through the regulatory
19 MR. O'BRIEN:	19 process and we thought at that time the
20 Q. I think where we left off yesterday, I believe	appropriate thing to do was to file for 2014
I had a few questions, Mr. Henderson, with	and 2015 test year.
respect to what contact you might have had	22 MR. O'BRIEN:
with Government over the years in terms of	23 Q. So that updated forecast, that looked a fair
24 Hydro's operations. I'm going to ask you	bit different than what you had forecast back
about the rate case itself, and this	25 in 2013 for 2014, is that right?
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particular one, whether or not you had any	1 MR. HENDERSON:
discussions, say, in April of 2013 with	2 A. That's right. There was some significant
Government on how to proceed with the rate	changes. One obvious one was the purchase of
4 case?	4 the combustion turbine that was going to
5 MR. HENDERSON:	5 impact on costs.
6 A. No, I wasn't party to any discussion on rate	6 MR. O'BRIEN:
7 case, how we were going to proceed with it or	7 Q. Any other significant changes at that time
8 anything like that. We had our case ready to	8 that you were looking at?
9 file and there was some directives there in	9 MR. HENDERSON:
terms of timing that came from the Government,	10 A. Well, I'll say that was probably the biggest
but I was not party to any kind of discussion	one that was targeted, but there was other
with Government on it.	operating expense items that we would have
13 MR. O'BRIEN:	seen that there was upward pressure, which is
Q. Okay, let me ask you sort of - I'll take you a	obvious from our filing that those types of
year later then to the point where there was a	things were there that we had to address as
decision made at Hydro, I guess, to amend the	16 well.
filing for 2013 to update it, I guess, in	17 MR. O'BRIEN:
November of 2014. Can you give me your	18 Q. Were they related to salaries, related to
recollections as to the reasons why that was	19 labour, capital labour?
done and who was involved with making that	20 MR. HENDERSON:
21 decision?	21 A. There would have been, I'll say, in terms of
22 MR. HENDERSON:	the general expenses across the board, there
23 A. That was - the people who were involved in	were things that were showing an increase that
24 that would have been myself, and the CFO, Mr.	24 we felt that we were definitely going to be
25 Sturge, the General Manager of Finance, and	25 requiring a higher revenue requirement than

Page 9 Page 11 the 2013 test year would provide. 1 MR. HENDERSON: 2 MR. O'BRIEN: A. This report that's done each year - because Q. And you're satisfied that the forecast you the rural deficit basically comes from, I'll 3 3 have in this rate case is sufficient to go call it, cost to service run. In order to 4 4 forward until, I believe, the plan for the 5 5 determine the rural deficit, there is a fair next rate case is in 2017 for 2018? bit of allocation of corporate costs into 6 6 7 MR. HENDERSON: that, so once a year following the end of the 7 year this report is done, and we can see where 8 A. Basically, these rates are what we require on 8 a go forward basis. Right now we're updating the rural deficit has landed for the year. 9 10 our 2016 forecast. We're in the middle of the 10 MR. O'BRIEN: budgeting process right now. From what we Q. Okay, and when this report is generated, is it 11 11 were looking at back then, indicated we would something that comes to you and you have 12 12 discussions with the leadership team about it, 13 13 or is it just something that gets generated as 14 (9:15 a.m.) 14 15 MR. O'BRIEN: 15 16 Q. I want to ask you about the rural rate 16 MR. HENDERSON: deficit. That's one of the big items for A. It's more - I'll say it's a report that would 17 17 Newfoundland Power with respect to this be presented to me as a piece of information 18 18 particular rate case. I'm going to ask if we that's reported to the Public Utilities Board. 19 19 can pull up NP-NLH-034, Revision 2. It might It's not - this particular report does not get 20 20 be PUB 34, Jennifer. Actually, perhaps the discussed at the leadership team or it hasn't 21 21 been for the last period of time that I've 22 best thing might be to use what Mr. Johnson 22 filed yesterday. That might be the most up to 23 23 been involved. date one. 24 MR. O'BRIEN: 24 25 MS. GRAY: Q. Okay, and, well, not just the report, put Page 10 Page 12 Q. The rural deficit aside the report itself, but the deficit 1 1 2 MR. O'BRIEN: 2 itself, does that get discussed with the leadership team? Q. The rural deficit annual report might be the 3 3 best thing to look at. That's from March of 4 MR. HENDERSON: 4 5 2015, and if we look at Page 2, Table 1. A. What the leadership team would be discussing 5 would be the items in which we control, I'll 6 MS. GLYNN: 6 say, the impact on the operating expense, so 7 Q. Mr. O'Brien, we're going to enter that as 7 the focus would be, in particular, on the 8 Information Item #8. 8 operating expenses for the company, the O & M 9 MR. O'BRIEN: 9 expenses, and whether we are managing that to Q. Sure. I don't mean to steal your thunder, Mr. 10 10 Johnson, and use your document, if that's all 11 11 our budget. So the focus is on those right? controllable items. There's a number of items 12 12 13 MR. JOHNSON: 13 here in the rural deficit that, I'll say, are Q. Not a problem. fallouts of previous decisions, that type of 14 14 15 MR. O'BRIEN: thing. For instance, the depreciation, the 15 Q. I'm wondering in terms of the rural deficit return, but in the areas of the operating 16 16 expenses, that would be an area that we would here, we see the annual amounts climbing from 17 17 2010 from 40 million up to 64 in 2014. Is have discussion on with respect to budgets and 18 18 19 this something that's on your radar in your 19 the people who manage their budgets meeting position as to where the rural deficit is on those expenses - you know, keeping within 20 20 budget. 21 an annual basis? 21 22 MR. O'BRIEN: 22 MR. HENDERSON:

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Q. And is there ever any discussion about how

the rural deficit down, any initiatives in

Hydro may go about trying to, I guess, keep

A. It is on my radar.

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24 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. Yeah.

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1	order to do that?	1		the diesel plant to help get power back rather
2	MR. HENDERSON:	2		than waiting for crews to fly in from Happy
3	A. Well, the initiatives that we do - our primary	3	;	Valley or from St. Anthony, depending on the
4	focus would be on the isolated systems in the	4	ļ	areas, or from our central office. So those
5	rural areas where we look at energy	5	;	types of things we've been doing to try to
6	efficiency, which would be in terms of	6	j	minimize the operating expenses for those
7	reducing fuel consumption for the plants, to	7	,	areas. So that's the kind of thing that we
8	reduce the capital requirements, so for	8	;	have been focused on.
9	capital growth, we would look at what we may	9	MR.	O'BRIEN:
10	be able to do in terms of doing activities	10	Q.	And in terms of tracking sort of how
11	that would - again it's primarily load	11		successful you are with those initiatives, do
12	related, that the energy conservation group	12	ļ.	you track it just based on the figure, the
13	would do, so we've put into effect those types	13	i	annual rural deficit figure, as to whether
14	of things to influence the growth and the	14	Ļ	it's gone up or down, or do you track it
15	demand in the area, which could drive capital	15	i	internally in any way to see here's how our
16	investment. Our system planning group would	16	;	initiatives are working out, that kind of
17	be also looking at the consumption that's	17	,	thing?
18	occurring, the load growth in those areas to	18	MR.	HENDERSON:
19	look at alternatives to the generation to see	19	Α.	What we would do, we reflect it in our
20	if there are opportunities for more cost	20	)	operating budgets, and if there's particular
21	effective sources. Those types of things get	21		items that we have put in place, then we
22	discussed during the regular operating budget	22		reflect that in our operating budgets to
23	time and they would also get discussed in the	23	;	reduce those costs, but for a lot of the -
24	capital budget time as to those types of	24	Ļ	like, the diesel system representatives, or
25	initiatives that could be undertaken. The	25	í	DSRs, training to enable them to do switching
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1	other things would be, and Mr. Moore could	1	-	which would reduce our travel. So you may see
2	probably elaborate on this, but there would be	2	2	some adjustment in the travel. Now travel,
3	looking at how we do our work in the isolated	3	;	there's a lot of things that affect travel, so
4	diesel areas because it's very - these are	4	ļ	to see a specific drop because you've got
5	remote locations that require - in order for	5	i	increasing costs for travel, that sort of

us to address problems in those areas, I'll 6 7 say, dealing with distribution problems or 8 generator problems, we have to dispatch people 9 from places like Happy Valley Goose Bay to go to the coast of Labrador, so we would be 10 11 looking at how we might be able to do that more effectively and efficiently so that we 12 13 would be challenging the way we do it, looking at how we dispatch people, how we can be doing 14 15 that more effectively. One area that's been a focus area for a period of time, and we're 16 17 doing additional work on in the last couple of 18 years, is the people who run the diesel plants 19 in the isolated communities, who are diesel system representatives, these folks are there 20 21 in the community, live in the community, so 22 they can do certain activities there to help 23 with responding to troubles in the community, 24 responding to customer issues to enable them

thing, I'll say, it wouldn't be easy to track it specifically, but that's where we would see the impact of these things would be in reduced travel time in terms of the expensive travel for people coming out of the central areas. 11 MR. O'BRIEN:

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Q. So put aside, I guess, the cost of travel which may not be as controllable as may be how you do it and the dispatch, do you track sort of - do you put that aside and say, yes, we've been able to dispatch much more efficiently this year and here's how we can show that? is there any way for you to put that together? 19 MR. HENDERSON:

A. We have not looked at that. There's been nothing brought forward to me. I don't know

22 if Darren can talk about what they may be

doing and it's sort of at the regional level, 23

24 but just to say I have not seen anything that 25 shows that specific, and I'll say it would be

to do, I'll say, more tasks than just running

Multi-Page TM **September 23, 2015 NL Hydro GRA** Page 17 Page 19 A. The allocation of the rural deficit is most challenging from the standpoint is that 1 appropriate to put to our Rates and Cost to 2 there's high variability and the frequency of 2 issues from year to year to be able to Service Panel, or person. 3 3 pinpoint and say - I think you'd need a number 4 MR. O'BRIEN: 4 of years to see a trend, and the diesel system 5 5 Q. All right. 6 representative, DSR, training is an ongoing 6 MR. HENDERSON: 7 program which we basically in the last two A. To address that, because it is a rates, I'm years have picked that up again, and the big 8 8 going to say, issue in the sense of fairness area is training the diesel plant operators to and there's a number of issues there, and I 10 be able to do limited line switching so that 10 was aware that the change was happening, it they can replace fuses on the lines and that was explained to me, and it seemed to me to be 11 11 type of thing, which would normally be done by a reasonable change in terms of allocation, 12 12 given the arguments that were put forward for a line worker. So there's those types of 13 13 things that could save on - well, shorten sharing that, that it would worthy a good 14 14 outages and also save on the travel time. hearing and discussion at this proceeding. 15 15 16 MR. O'BRIEN: 16 MR. O'BRIEN: Q. And that's training that's in place right now? Q. Okay, so put aside, I guess, getting into the 17 17 details from a policy level or a higher level, 18 MR. HENDERSON: 18 it was discussed with you prior to the amended A. It's ongoing. 19 20 MR. O'BRIEN: filing? 20 Q. And do you expect that that will help reduce 21 MR. HENDERSON: 21 22 or at least maintain the deficit as to where A. It was, yes. it is, or it will be one of the factors? 23 23 MR. O'BRIEN: 24 MR. HENDERSON: Q. And what's your recollection of the discussion 24 for the reasons for changing it? A. It's a factor that will help in a particular 25 Page 18 Page 20 area, which is the travel cost to go out and 1 MR. HENDERSON: 1 2 service these remote communities, but it's not A. The reasons for changing it was our rates team 3 going to have a big impact from the - you had done an assessment and looked at 3 know, I wouldn't want to leave the impression considering fairness in allocation to 4 4 5 that this is going to make some dramatic 5 different areas, and in particular, I guess, change and flatten the amount of the operating we're talking about the Newfoundland Power 6 6 expenses because the other things continue to 7 7 customers versus the Labrador Interconnected have to be required. People have to maintain 8 8 customers, and the view was, looking at that, 9 the diesel plants and we have people centrally that this seemed to have merit of a fair 9 located that travel out to each one of these allocation, and so again in looking at that, 10 10 11 diesel communities to maintain, to do 11 yes, this is something that we should put forward to garner that discussion because it overhauls on the diesels. There's a lot of 12 12 looked to be a significant amount of the rural 13 work that has to be done there. So those 13

types of things are subject to the general 14 15 cost increases that we have experienced in the 16 company.

17 MR. O'BRIEN: Q. I want to ask you about the allocation of the 18 19 deficit in Hydro's original application back in July of 2013. That included the proposal 20 to continue with the Board approved 21 22 methodology now for allocation. I'm wondering on what basis did Hydro decide to change that 23 proposal with its amended filing? 24 25 MR. HENDERSON:

deficit that was being borne by Labrador 14 customers relative to, you know, the cost that 15 they were paying. 16

17 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. And in that discussion, did you have any 18 19 discussion about whether or not there was merit for keeping it where it is? 20 21 (9:30 a.m.)

22 MR. HENDERSON:

A. Obviously, it was one of the options, and as I 23 said, the discussion went that this looks like 24 25 an area that should warrant further hearing in

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1	the GRA, that seemed to be related to fairness		one option to take in terms of per customer,	
2	to the different customer groups, so again	2	but I'm wondering why it was or if it was that	
3	this would be the proceeding to have that kind	3	3 there was no consideration to the fact that	
4	of discussion.	4	4 Newfoundland Power customers would pay higher	r
5	MR. O'BRIEN:	5	5 amount for electricity, putting aside the	
6	Q. I don't dispute that. I guess, my concern is	6	6 rural deficit, and if you're talking about	
7	more at this point in time, I'm just wondering	7	fairness, why not consider that in the context	
8	what your take on it was. I presume at the	8	8 of your decision making?	
9	time when the application was filed, you were	9	9 MR. HENDERSON:	
10	satisfied, based on your discussion with your	10	10 A. That is a factor, but when we balanced out all	
11	rates and regulation team, that this was the	11	the factors, we felt that the proposal we were	
12	appropriate thing to do, is that right?	12	putting forward would be the most fair one in	
13	MR. HENDERSON:	13	the circumstance.	
14	A. That's correct.	14	14 MR. O'BRIEN:	
15	MR. O'BRIEN:	15	15 Q. Okay, so any further detail, I guess, on that	
16	Q. And in coming to that decision, did you	16	is best to take up with the rates and	
17	consider whether or not it was appropriate to	17	regulations?	
18	consider that Newfoundland Power's customers	18	18 MR. HENDERSON:	
19	might pay more generally than the Labrador	19	19 A. Yes.	
20	Interconnected customers for electricity?	20	20 MR. O'BRIEN:	
21	MR. HENDERSON:	21	21 Q. I wanted to turn, Mr. Henderson, there's a	
22	A. Obviously, part of the discussion was that	22	fair bit of discussion about the infamous PUB-	
23	this would shift the cost to - the	23	23 228, the charging in of the Nalcor leadership	
24	Newfoundland Power customers will pick up	24	24 team, and I don't want to go through the	
25	additional costs with respect to the rural	25	25 details on the amounts there other than to say	
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1	subsidy versus the Labrador Interconnected		one of the questions that I put to Mr. Martin	
2	from where it previously led.	2	is whether or not the hours that we see on	
3	MR. O'BRIEN:	3	that document is reflective of the leadership	
4	Q. But the point of my question is put aside the	4	4 provided by Nalcor to Hydro, and the fact that	t
5	rural deficit, did you consider the fact that	5	5 the hours were lower before the test year	
6	Newfoundland Power customers on the Island	6	6 suggests there's not - that I can assume that	
7	Interconnect would actually, putting aside the	7	there's not a lot of leadership there, and I	
8	rural deficit, pay more for their electricity	8	8 asked him if I could do that, and he said, no,	
9	than Labrador Interconnected customers do for	9	9 you can't assume that because it's not	
10	their electricity?	10	necessarily reflective of the hours. Ms.	
11	MR. HENDERSON:	11	Greene put to Mr. McDonald a question mo	re
12	A. Obviously, there is a difference there between	12	recently concerning the same sort of documen	
13	the two because of the source of electricity	13	to say what is it that we can point to that	
14	in Labrador is primarily the Upper Churchill.	14	shows that there's sufficient leadership here	
15	MR. O'BRIEN:	15	in terms of hours from Nalcor into Hydro. Is	
16	Q. Upper Churchill.	16	there something you can point us to in that	
17	MR. HENDERSON:	17	regard?	
18	A. But putting aside the source of electricity,	18	18 MR. HENDERSON:	
19	you know, how you allocate that rural deficit	19	19 A. I don't think there is anything else I can	
20	to different customers, we looked at it from	20	20 point to other than I can say my interactions	
21	the perspective of what's a fair allocation on	21	-	nd
22	a customer basis, and that was why we made the	22	other people on the Nalcor leadership team, is	3
23	change that we did.	23	that there is considerable discussion on a	
24	MR. O'BRIEN:	24	number of areas related to Hydro with them ir	n
25	Q. I understand that, I guess, in terms of that's	25	25 terms of there's the asset management approa	ch

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1	and philosophy that has a large impact on	1		how the organization is operating, the
2	Hydro. The safety issues are also regularly	2		initiatives that the organization is putting
3	talked about, we have regular meetings on	3		forward to improve on its performance, there's
4	safety, on asset management, where I would be	4		those items too. All of those initiatives
5	interacting with Mr. MacIsaac, and others in	5		that occur, so to isolate to say that it's
6	my group would be interacting with Mr.	6		just tied to, you know, reliability or just
7	MacIsaac, but all of those areas are common in	7		tied to the cost in a particular year, I think
8	the sense that they are also have impact on	8		you'd have to more look at over a period of
9	CF(L) Co, for instance, and probably CF(L)Co	9		time and how that is evolving and improving.
10	being the biggest part of those types of	1		IR. O'BRIEN:
11	things, but then also the Lower Churchill has	11		Q. I understand, and part of your mandate is to
12	aspects of that as well. So all of those	12		set these initiatives and that kind of thing
13	areas are common and Nalcor, my understanding,	13		as well within the obligation to provide safe,
14	is that those are allocated to Nalcor, they're	14		reliable, least cost service, so that's all
15	not charged specifically to Hydro, but I'm	15		part of your mandate.
16	involved with those discussions. My time gets			IR. HENDERSON:
17	charged to Hydro when those discussions occur,	17		A. Exactly.
18	but they would be charging it more generally			IR. O'BRIEN:
19	because they have that common interest in both	19		Q. I understand what you're saying. Well, let's
20	CF(L )Co and Hydro.	20		talk about reliability for a little bit. We
1	MR. O'BRIEN:	21		talked to Mr. Martin about key performance
22	Q. When Ms. Greene asked Mr. McDonald that	22		indicators, and he indicated in his evidence
23	question, he gave a little bit of a different	23		that when he testified back in 2007 at the
24	answer. I think what he said is that you can	24		last GRA, that was around the time that Hydro
25	look to how Hydro has fulfilled its mandate,	25		was putting in place some key performance
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1	that's sort of how you would tell whether or	1		indicators to look at reliability and
2	not there's appropriately leadership provided.	2		financial performance and that sort of thing,
3	Would you agree with that?	3		and that this has been done. I'm going to ask
1	MR. HENDERSON:	4		that we look at Information 5, if we could.
5	A. That's another approach to it.	5		That's reproduced from one of Grant Thornton's
1	MR. O'BRIEN:	6		reports. We see key performance indicators
7	Q. And would you agree with that approach?	7		for 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and we see 2013
1	MR. HENDERSON:	8		and 2014 as well. In terms of - I want to
9	A. I would agree that how Hydro has performed and	9		look at Page 2, if we could, actually. So if
10	the things that it has implemented in terms of	10		we look at reliability here, we've got eight
11	changes to improve its business performance	11		different KPIs, and we see targets for 2013
12	are all reflective of those discussions.	12		and results, and we see targets for 2014 and
1	MR. O'BRIEN:	13		results. Have you seen this document before?
14	Q. And would - I guess, in terms of things like			IR. HENDERSON:
15	being able to provide least cost, reliable,	15		A. Yes, I have.
16	and safe energy, I mean, that's your mandate?	1		IR. O'BRIEN:
1	MR. HENDERSON:	17		Q. First of all, I just want to ask you sort of
18	A. Yes.	18		these targets, how are they achieved - sorry,
1	MR. O'BRIEN: Q. And that would reflect the level of	19		how are they set?  IR. HENDERSON:
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21	leadership, would you agree? MR. HENDERSON:	21		A. The targets that are there for 2013 and 2014 were established based on a review of historic
22 23		22 23		
1	A. There is a relationship there, but there's so many more things, I'll say, in the context of			performance.  IR. O'BRIEN:
24	the items that are occurring with respect to	1		
25	the nems that are occurring with respect to	25		Q. Okay.

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1 M	IR. HENDERSON:	1	result shows that none of your reliability
2	A. So they would take into account our historic	2	2 targets were achieved?
3	performance and project that forward and	3	3 MR. HENDERSON:
4	trying to establish improvements on historic	4	4 A. I'll say in 2013, as everybody is aware, there
5	performance. So it's initiatives to improve on	5	5 was a significant event where we had a very
6	how we've been doing in the past, so we have a	6	6 severe winter storm in January of 2013 that
7	group internally who do some analysis on past	7	7 caused problems at the Holyrood terminal
8	performance, look at that, and then they put	8	8 station that resulted in the generating
9	forward the targets for these KPIs based on	9	9 station coming off. So that had a significant
10	that. So they'll take into account what may	10	o impact and, of course, we had the damage to
11	be exceptional that may not be indicative of	11	the turbine bearings on Unit 1 at Holyrood, so
12	future performance, such as a very severe	12	that greatly impacted in 2013 the DAFOR, the
13	weather event that you may look at the history	13	second line item, and it also impacted on the
14	and say, okay, that was an unusual event, so	14	4 weighted capability factor for that year, and
15	we would not consider that as part of our	15	5 they are very unusual from our historic
16	historical performance in predicting where	16	6 performance, and so they were the main factors
17	we're going to go. So it's a matter of	17	7 that influenced it, so it was related to that
18	looking at that historic performance	18	severe storm, the impact of that storm, and
19	projecting it forward, and that's pretty much	19	9 then the resultant damage that occurred on
20	how all of those are done. Now the weighted	20	Unit 1. On the other matrix, I'll comment
21	capability factor and the DAFOR, weighted	21	·
22	DAFOR, do take into consideration the annual	22	<u> </u>
23	work plan and the outages that we plan on our	23	
24	generating equipment. So when they establish	24	•
25	those targets, they would look at, well, do we	25	we were making in our distribution system and
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1	have a long outage plan for a generator in Bay	1	in our transmission system that were going to
2	D'Espoir that may influence that, and they	2	2 require additional outages. So there's an
3	would take that into account to reflect it,	3	3 element of, in particular, the distribution
4	and then they would also consider the number	4	4 SAIDI and SAIFI numbers which it was
5	of forced outages that we've had previously	5	5 unrealistic given the program that we had
6	and project an improvement.	6	6 coming forward, in particular, there was a
7 M	IR. O'BRIEN:	7	7 significant amount of feeder outages in our
8	Q. So there's a bit of normalization, I guess, in	8	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
9	terms of going forward when you look at	9	8
10	setting that target - for each of those	10	
11	targets, I guess?	11	j E
12 M	IR. HENDERSON:	12	ž į
13	A. That would be correct.	13	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
1	IR. O'BRIEN:	14	,
15	Q. Okay, and you're looking for the most part,	15	6
16	except for the first two, I guess, which also	16	1
17	look at the plan for each year, you're looking	17	, 1
18	historically where the company has been and	18	•
19	the idea is to improve in these areas as well?	19	·
1	IR. HENDERSON:		20 (9:45 a.m.)
21	A. That was behind those. So if you look back,	1	21 MR. O'BRIEN:
22	you'll find that those targets do reflect an	22	
23	improvement over historic performance.	23	Č
1	IR. O'BRIEN:	24	
25	Q. What do you take from the fact that the 2013	25	or the group that gets together that sets

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1	these targets, would they have been aware at		1 MR	a. O'BRIEN:
2	the time when they set the targets?	2	2 (	Q. So Mr. Henderson, I guess, part of what I'm
3 ]	MR. HENDERSON:	3	3	hearing and I want you to correct me if I'm
4	A. What was happening was the targets were being	4	4	wrong, part of what I'm hearing is that we've
5	established - you'll notice that the	5	5	got 2013 targets that are not achieved, and
6	distribution targets are the same for 2013 and	6	6	2014 targets that are not achieved, and that
7	2014, and that's because they had been	7		part of the response to that is to look at
8	established prior to 2013 as a target. When	8	8	whether or not the targets are realistic and
9	they hadn't been met, they were carried	9	9	adjust them upwards?
10	forward and since we did not make the target,	10	0 MR	HENDERSON:
11	we're going to carry that forward as the	11	1 .	A. That would be - it's basically making sure
12	target for future years, and would carry it	12		that the targets are realistic.
13	forward until we met it. So that happened for			a. O'BRIEN:
14	the 2013 and 2014 year. For 2015, I got more	14		Q. So were you concerned when you looked at the
15	involved with the target setting and went and	15		2013 and 2014 targets that there are
16	insisted, I guess, that the consideration of	16		reliability issues here that we need to handle
17	the planned outages, so there was more rigor	17	7	and deal with, or were you more concerned with
18	put into the target setting to reflect the	18		adjusting the target to make sure that we meet
19	planned work that we were doing in the	19		target going forward?
20	distribution system. So the targets, when you			HENDERSON:
21	see the targets for 2015, you'll notice that	21		A. Well, I was responding to your question about
22	they are higher, and that's to reflect the	22		how the targets were set. In terms of the
23	experience that we're having with respect to	23		performance to move to that, there is
24	outages required for system upgrades. So	24		definitely areas here that we see that there
25	that's there. On the transmission SAIDI and	25		area areas to be addressed, areas that we've
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1	SAIFI figures, these are measures that they do	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}$	1	done some analysis on to determine what the
2	move around and there has been some effort to		2	issues are behind the changes in the
3	reflect planned outages, but again it did not		3	performance and what we can do to address it.
4	have the rigor that I would expect in setting	4		Those are exactly the things that we would do.
5	the targets, and so there's some changes		5	For each event that we have, we do a review of
6	happening there as well to bring those		6	those to identify what the problems may be and
7	through. The other thing with respect to the	7		set forth a plan to address them, to put - to
8	transmission SAIDI and SAIFI, they are			get the performance back to where it should
9	influenced quite a bit by our transmission			be, and our customers should be - the type and
10	performance on the Great Northern Peninsula,	10		level of performance that our customers have
1	which we have a number of delivery points off			experienced in the past and should experience
11 12	the transmission system that can be influenced	11		in the future. So we do that, and any large
13	by one event. You can have a number of	13		event gets a particularly hard look at in
14	delivery points knocked out for event on the	13		terms of analysis because of the significant
15	transmission system. So you can see that	15		impact it has, and those provide a significant
16	number move around quite a bit depending on	16		opportunity to identify areas for improvement,
17	our experience on severe weather events on the	17		you know, as we strive to continually improve
18	Northern Peninsula, such as up there we can	18		on our reliability.
19	experience some high wind or salt spray type			on our remainity.
20	of events, so that has an influence on that.	20		Q. Okay, and yesterday you actually mentioned, I
21	So those numbers in the transmission SAIDI and	21		believe at one point, that there was a review
22	SAIFI are reflective of those types of things,	22		in 2013 into 2014 where you had noted some
23	it's the nature of our system. There is a	23		areas that could require some additional work.
123	it s the nature of our system. There is a	123	J	areas mai coura require some additional work.

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I'm wondering if you can take us through, say,

from the 2013 targets achieved there, what

see that year over year.

high variability that occurs in those. You'll

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Page 37 Page 39 types of areas you would have been concerned are addressing those in response to what we 1 1 about and addressed in 2013 when you looked at have found, so they are regularly monitored. 2 2 these reliability performance indicators? In terms of each one of these, they are 3 3 4 MR. HENDERSON: measures of what has happened, but as the 4 A. For 2013, with respect to the events that events occur, that's when we have the 5 5 happened in January, 2013, we did a thorough discussion and that obviously influences 6 6 7 review of that. future performance for those matrix. The 7 weighted capability factor is one that would 8 MR. O'BRIEN: 8 be - aspects of that would be sort of in a O. Uh-hm. 9 10 MR. HENDERSON: 10 performance measure for the managers in their performance contracts to make sure that have A. And identified a number of items. I don't 11 11 proper attention on those. Each one of these 12 recall the number, but I'll say there's 50 or 12 13 more action items that were identified that reliability measures do fall down to each one 13 of the managers who have an aspect of their people were assigned to do, to follow up on to 14 14 improve, to address the issues of the items role to address them. For instance, in 15 15 16 that we had identified in our review. They 16 Darren's shop, the regional managers would were initiated and being taken care of in have either the SAIDI or SAIFI, depending on 17 17 2013, and they continued on in 2014. When we where we had focused that year, in their 18 18 had the problems in January, 2014, we did a performance contracts that they're expected to 19 19 similar analysis and this one was more in manage and to get the performance to a level 20 20 depth because there was a number of different that we've established or are expecting to get 21 21 aspects to it, perhaps broader than what we to. It is an ongoing aspect of the management 22 22 experienced in January, 2013, and again there of the company is these KPIs for discussions 23 23 was a large number of action items that came with the managers who are responsible for the 24 24 out of that that we have been implementing and operation. 25 25 Page 38 Page 40 following up, and there was also some of the 1 1 MR. O'BRIEN: 2 items from 2013 that had been identified, they Q. Okay, and I take from it that you do consider 3 continued into 2014 to be actioned to improve these KPIs to be important data points, I 3 guess, in terms of how you manage the on reliability. 4 4 5 MR. O'BRIEN: 5 organization. You talk about the managers having them built into their performance Q. Okay, and in terms of the results here, and 6 6 we've talked a fair bit just in terms of how 7 7 contracts. The performance contracts the targets get achieved, in your position, themselves, when you talk about that being 8 8 9 when you see these KPIs and the results built in, is that in the incentive portion of 9 is that as part of your everyday salary, whether or not targets are achieved, what 10 10 emphasis do you put on that type of analysis? that's your target? 11 11

Mr. Martin sort of suggested, well, look, 12 those are just data points, I've got to go 13 behind it. Is that the same thing for you? 14 A. Well, for me and the operations team, in

15 MR. HENDERSON: 16 particular, all of these - I shouldn't say all 17 of them. Different aspects of these KPIs are 18 19 discussed with the management group to look at each issue and address. So this is a regular 20 conversation that would happen between myself 21 and the management team on outages that we've 22 had and what we are doing to address the 23 issues, to make sure that we're doing a sound 24 25 assessment of what happened in each event, and

## 12 MR. HENDERSON:

A. It's part of all aspects of their role. It's 13 a critical piece of their jobs is addressing 14 reliability, so it's in their incentive pay, 15 it's also part of their basic key 16 responsibility areas, reliability is 17 forefront. 18

## 19 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. And what level of oversight does Mr. Martin 20 provide to you, I guess, in terms of these 21 types of results? Do you have regular 22 discussions with him on an annual basis, I 23 guess, here's where we are with respect to 24 25 these results?

Page 41 Page 43 said, would be the bigger issue type of items 1 MR. HENDERSON: 1 A. I would speak to Mr. Martin on general 2 and what we're doing to address those, which reliability issues, areas that we have would be the actions being taken in response 3 3 concerns about. It would be more on a very to the broader outages. We may talk about 4 4 high level in terms of impact on customers and some general areas of reliability improvement, 5 5 areas of concern that we should be addressing. but we did not sit down and walk through each 6 6 7 These particular measures are put in Hydro's one of these per se, other than when - he 7 annual plan and they are rolled down to the would be generally aware that the performance 8 8 organization so that each manager has sight of was behind. 10 what's happening, and Mr. Martin and I go 10 (10:00 a.m.) through the Hydro plan. Our discussions tend 11 MR. O'BRIEN: 11 to be much more on the very high level matrix 12 12 Q. Now Mr. Henderson, I want to talk a little bit that we've put forward, which - what we have 13 about preventative maintenance and deferrals, 13 is on each - for each year for Hydro, there is and I note part of this discussion will run 14 14 a number of key areas that we are focusing on into prudence, and I'm going to try to keep it 15 15 16 in terms of both reliability and other areas, away from that for this purposes, I want to 16 so it's one of those areas that I would stick sort of reliability and what we're 17 17 looking forward to in the future, that sort of discuss with Mr. Martin would be the 18 18 reliability performance. thing. Now it's clear from the report and 19 19 evidence filed by Liberty Consulting that 20 MR. O'BRIEN: 20 Q. And would you - I guess, my question is more there were concerns raised by Liberty 21 21 would you have gone to him, say, in 2013, concerning Hydro's philosophy with respect to 22 22 early 2014, to say, look, here's what our 23 the deferral of preventative maintenance in 23 results are from 2013, we had these eight certain areas, is that right?

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#### 1 MR. HENDERSON:

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A. No, I would not have spoken specifically to that. We would have been more focused on 3 addressing the major issues that we had and 4 5 making sure that we were taking action to address those, which had a broader impact 6 7 across each of them, not talking about them specifically so much as we would be talking 8 9 about the broader aspect of reliability, the significant impact of the January 2013 10 11 troubles and 2014, that's were our focus would be on those and getting the identified actions 12 that were having a broad impact addressed and 13 completed.

reliability targets and none of them are met?

14 15 MR. O'BRIEN: Q. How about 2014 then, you've got your results 16 and no targets achieved. Is that something 17 you would have brought to Mr. Martin then 18 19 after? You're past now the early January 2014, but still by the end of it is that a 20 type of discussion you would have had with him 21 that we've got these eight reliability KPIs 22 and again we haven't met the targets? 23 24 MR. HENDERSON: A. What I'd be talking to Mr. Martin about, as I

A. That's right.

25 MR. HENDERSON:

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2 MR. O'BRIEN:

3 Q. And I believe the Board even raised similar concern in May of 2014 with their interim 4 report, is that correct?

6 MR. HENDERSON:

A. That's correct.

8 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. Can you take us through the process in terms of when preventative maintenance is deferred, 10 11 is that something that is done at a budgeting process or a budgeting time, how does that 12 13 happen?

# 14 MR. HENDERSON:

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A. The deferral of any maintenance basically occurs during the year. The budget is supposed to be set with the intent to complete all preventative maintenance that's required, and it also has an allowance in that for additional corrective maintenance which would be things that would occur during the year. So there is - through the budgeting process, the managers put forward their budget to be able to complete their annual work plan, and they would also - which would include an allowance

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1	for things for corrective maintenance, things	1	based on the condition of the equipment, what
2	that may happen during the year, and that	2	they know about the equipment, because the
3	would be based on historic experience and so	3	long term asset planners know the condition of
4	on with respect to that aspect of it.	4	equipment and the work execution people would
5 M	IR. O'BRIEN:	5	also know that. So, there would be a
6	Q. Okay. So that's built in, the corrective	6	discussion amongst that group and they would
7	portion is part of the budget as well?	7	make that decision to prioritize where they
8 M	IR. HENDERSON:	8	should be putting their efforts, with a focus
9	A. Yes.	9	on reliability for customers.
10 M	IR. O'BRIEN:	10 MI	R. O'BRIEN:
11	Q. But throughout the year, so you've set each	11	Q. And is there any I presume for the most
12	year and this, I guess, is based on your asset	12	part you wouldn't be involved in those types
13	management plan and your capital plan going	13	of discussions yourself?
14	forward, here's the type of maintenance,	14 MI	R. HENDERSON:
15	preventative maintenance we're going to do on	15	A. No, I'm not.
16	an annual basis. So take me through, say you	16 MI	R. O'BRIEN:
17	get to a point where there's a question of	17	Q. Okay. Are there any guidelines to follow when
18	whether we defer preventative maintenance, how	18	planning when looking at deferring
19	does that happen? Who's involved in those	19	maintenance?
20	types of discussions?	20 MI	R. HENDERSON:
21 M	IR. HENDERSON:	21	A. There are no specific written guidelines.
22	A. Those types of discussions would occur by the	22	Each of these people are experienced
23	within our well, in each area that we	23	engineers, managers, so they are required to
24	have, we have long term asset planners who are	24	exercise their judgment in the circumstance.
25	the managers who are responsible for condition	25 MI	R. O'BRIEN:
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1	monitoring and establishing the preventative	1	Q. And you'd agree with me, I take it, that a
2	maintenance program. They would get involved	2	good or an appropriate preventative
3	with the discussion along with what we call a	3	maintenance plan can help avoid corrective
4	work execution manager, who would be involved	4	costs down the future or down the road, sorry?
5	with what work is being done and scheduled	5 MI	R. HENDERSON:
6	each week and during the course of the year.	6	A. That's correct.
7	So they would come together to talk about I'll	7 MI	R. O'BRIEN:
8	say challenges in accomplishing all of the	8	Q. Okay.
9	work that has to be done and they would bring	9 MI	R. HENDERSON:
10	in their the regional manager for that	10	A. It's the preventative maintenance plan, the
11	area, I would expect would be also part of	11	maintenance tactics that you establish based
12	that discussion, and they would do an	12	on a review, condition assessments. There's a
13	assessment based on priorities of the work to	13	number of elements and also the capital
14	determine what adjustments can be made to be	14	program and your replacement of facilities
15	able to, you know, basically get the greatest	15	before they reach the point that they may fail
16	reliability result for customers and manage	16	because of the age of the facilities.
17	the cost. It's a balance of both. And so		R. O'BRIEN:
18	they would make that decision during the	18	Q. I want to ask you just about some of the
19	course of the year and so there may be certain	19	comments of Liberty Consulting in its recent
20	items that get because of I'll say a number	20	reply evidence on the Prudence Review. I
121	of different items, on the go, they may make	2.1	wonder if we can bring that up places. It's

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wonder if we can bring that up, please. It's

I believe it's page one, lines 18 to 22, and

again, I'm focused more here on reliability as

opposed to prudence, okay, so I want to ask

the September 17th, 2015 document. Okay. And

of different items on the go, they may make

decision to say for a particular preventative

maintenance activity, we will defer that to

another year, which would be expected to be

adjustments during the year that would make a

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1	you some questions on some of the comments	1	MR. O'BRIEN:
2	here. Liberty has made some comments here	2	Q. You're satisfied with the rest of the areas?
3	about preventative maintenance deferrals and	3	MR. HENDERSON:
4	good asset management practice and one of the	4	A. Well, I'm going to say in terms of being
5	questions they have here is "please summarize	5	satisfied, the challenge is always to continue
6	the relationship that Hydro's reply evidence	6	to improve. So I'll say that we should be
7	draws between deferral of preventative	7	always striving to improve on that and each of
8	maintenance and good asset management	8	the managers who are responsible for that type
9	practice." And Hydro or sorry, if we go to	9	of work are challenged to improve on the
10	page two then, lines 15 to 17, yeah, that's	10	compliance of preventative maintenance to get
11	right. I'm sorry, I had the wrong question	11	to 100 percent completion and that's where our
12	there. "What's Liberty's view of how	12	focus is, is to get to that 100 percent
13	preventative maintenance deferrals confirm the	13	completion.
14	good utility practice?" and Liberty indicates	14	MR. O'BRIEN:
15	that it disagrees with Hydro's view and makes	15	Q. Okay. And when you say there's a challenge,
16	a comment here, "the widespread deferral of	16	has that been a focused challenge now since
17	preventative maintenance work by Hydro was not	17	January 2014?
18	well planned, carefully executed or consistent	18	MR. HENDERSON:
19	with good utility practice." So that appears	19	A. I'll say that this has been an area of focus
20	to be a fairly strong statement. I wonder can	20	for many years, in terms of getting the
21	you provide us your comments on whether or not	21	preventative maintenance completed. At least
22	there is a widespread deferral of or has	22	in my time in this position, it's been one of
23	been a widespread deferral of preventative	23	the areas of discussion with the managers on
24	maintenance work by Hydro.	24	8 8 7 7
25 MR.	HENDERSON:	25	maintenance program. There's elements in
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A. The evidence in this is that the -- in terms 1 2 of the 230 -- air blast circuit breakers, I 3 should say, and the 230 kV large transformers. There was deferrals made in order to execute 4 5 other priority items. There was system issues, I'll say, that related to the troubles 6 7 that we had in January 2013. There was also a 8 growing capital program. All of those 9 elements were occurring during those years that was causing the -- our folks to assess 10 11 each of the items of work that they had to do and to prioritize where was the -- where the 12 13 emphasis should occur. So that all occurred 14 and it was an evolving situation during those 15 particular years that impacted on the decision to defer. 16

17 MR. O'BRIEN:

18 Q. Okay. And is there any concern about that 19 deferral of preventative maintenance being widespread in other areas, as opposed to just 20 the circuit breaker you're talking about? 21

22 MR. HENDERSON:

A. In all of our areas, the compliance with the 23 24 preventative maintenance program was, I'll 25 say, in most other areas, it was very good.

there, performance contracts again, related to 1 2 this to get to high compliance.

3 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. Okay.

5 MR. HENDERSON:

A. And so it is an ongoing focus. We've had 7 metrics in place for maintenance completion that have been in place for a number of years 8 and prior to me coming into this role, they 9 were established. The success there was we 10 11 were targeting 90 percent and this is based on how we've been performing to get to 90 percent 12 13 compliance and we've upped that to 100 percent now. But that -- when I -- I'll say the first 14

time I got involved with it, 90 percent was 15

the target and we were making that in a number 16

17 of areas. In other areas, it was falling

18 behind.

19 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. Okay. And you've bumped that to 100 percent 20 now in all areas? 21

22 MR. HENDERSON:

A. Yes. 23

24 MR. O'BRIEN:

25 Q. Okay.

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1	MR. HENDERSON:	1	everything in there that needs to be in there,	
2	A. And what I'll say that with critical	2	and there's been a review, a close review of	
3	maintenance aspects of it, this would be the -	3	all of the work orders or the PM activities to	
4	- what we call critical winter ready for	4	identify which ones are critical and those	
5	maintenance requirements. So, in our	5	have all been identified and then what we do	
6	preventative maintenance program, there's many	6	on a weekly basis this was part of what was	
7	elements to that, which some of them I'll say	7	happening at our regional area, but we've now	
8	aren't so critical for reliability, but they	8	got it so that I on a weekly basis am getting	
9	are important all the same. But my focus has	9	reports on how we're doing each week with	
10	been on those that are critical to system	10	respect to completion of our preventative	
11	reliability. So if there's aspects of our	11	maintenance program against our annual plan.	
12	maintenance program that's related and I'll	12	MR. O'BRIEN:	
13	give a very simple thing. We would put in a	13	Q. And you're getting that now and you weren't	
14	work order that says you should be mowing the	14	before, were you?	
15	lawn every month. That's in our preventative	15	MR. HENDERSON:	
16	maintenance program in the work order system,	16	A. I was not getting a weekly report before. I	
17	but that's not a critical winter ready one.	17	was getting a monthly verbal report.	
18	So that one, if you didn't make that in a	18	MR. O'BRIEN:	
19	month, that's okay, you know. So I'm just	19	Q. Okay.	
20	trying to and there's a wide range of	20	MR. HENDERSON:	
21	those.	21	A. But now it's a report that comes right from	
22	MR. O'BRIEN:	22	the planning group who schedule the work and	
23	Q. I understand.	23	the work execution group. They do a weekly	
24	MR. HENDERSON:	24	report indicating how well they are tracking	
25	A. So the focus is on what impacts reliability.	25	accordance with the plan for that year.	
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1	MR. O'BRIEN:	1	(10:15 a.m.)	
2	Q. So in terms of that, you've separated that out	2	MR. O'BRIEN:	
3	as to what's going to impact reliability and	3	Q. And when did you start getting those weekly	
4	those the areas where it's 100 percent now?	4	reports versus the monthly verbal reports?	
5	MR. HENDERSON:	5	MR. HENDERSON:	
6	A. That's correct.	6	A. That began in 2014.	

- 7 MR. O'BRIEN:
- Q. And the other areas, are they still at 90 or
- are they -- does it vary?
- 10 MR. HENDERSON:
- 11 A. The other areas have not been something that I
- have a discussion on with the managers. The 12
- 13 focus is on the winter ready, the reliability
- 14 ones.
- 15 MR. O'BRIEN:
- Q. Okay. And how have you gone about sort of 16
- 17 determining which ones are the winter ready
- 18 and reliability ones? Is that something that
- 19 you determine or is it a group determination?
- How is that done? 20
- 21 MR. HENDERSON:
- A. Well, that is determined, I guess, at a number 22
- of different levels. The chief operating 23
- 24 officer has that discussion with each of the
- 25 regional managers to ensure that we've got

- 7 MR. O'BRIEN:
- Q. 2014, okay. I wonder if we could turn to page 8
- 9 four of this document and lines seven to ten.
- One of the comments there, and I'm assuming 10
- 11 you will agree with this, is that effective
- deferral of corrective maintenance work takes 12
- 13 place with risks that are known, but deferral
- 14 of preventative maintenance work necessarily
- involves deferring work without having taken 15
- the appropriate actions designed to understand 16
- 17 potential consequences. Do you agree with
- 18 that statement?
- 19 MR. HENDERSON:
- A. I'm not sure that I would agree because I 20
- 21 think the asset manager who knows the
- 22 equipment and is overseeing that ongoing
- maintenance, they can make judgments with 23
- 24 respect to that from visible inspections and
- 25 other things that they have available to them

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to make a judgment on that. So it's not a	1 after-hour inquiries and after examining
2 I wouldn't say it's blanket.	2 Hydro's reply, no evidence of any form of
3 MR. O'BRIEN:	3 structured or significant analysis of the
4 Q. Okay.	4 risks of deferring maintenance versus the
5 MR. HENDERSON:	5 rewards of redirecting expenditures elsewhere.
6 A. That there's circumstances in which the person	6 With no such analysis and no scheduled date
7 who knows and is intimately has intimate	7 for performance of the deferred maintenance on
8 knowledge with the equipment can make a	8 T1, we consider it incorrect to conclude that
9 judgment that can wait, that type of thing.	9 Hydro took a progmatic" and I guess it's
10 MR. O'BRIEN:	10 "pragmatic approach to deferral." Putting
11 Q. Okay. And so it may not be that it	aside the idea of the T1 for now, the earlier
necessarily involves deferring work without	portion of that statement that according to
having taken appropriate actions if you've	Liberty anyway, based on their view, there's
actually made a judgment call?	no evidence of any form of structure or
15 MR. HENDERSON:	significant analysis of the risks of deferring
16 A. You made a judgment call and made a decision	maintenance versus the rewards of redirecting
based on what you know about that equipment.	expenditures elsewhere. Can you comment on
18 MR. O'BRIEN:	18 that?
19 Q. Okay. But I guess you would agree there is a	19 MR. HENDERSON:
20 potential, if the judgment's not right, that	20 A. I'm not sure what they're basing their view
you are making by deferring preventative	21 on.
maintenance, there's some unknown risk there?	22 MR. O'BRIEN:
23 MR. HENDERSON:	Q. And that's what I want to understand from you.
24 A. There could be some unknown risk, but again,	24 Do you accept that comment?
25 you're relying on the technical expertise of	25 MR. HENDERSON:
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the people who know the equipment and you	1 A. No, there is an expectation from our managers
2 wouldn't make that decision very easily or	2 responsible for doing our maintenance to be
3 without good very strong consideration.	doing a deliberate as I just said, a
4 MR. O'BRIEN:	4 consideration of change.
5 Q. And if that's the case, I'm sort of back to	5 MR. O'BRIEN:
6 where or one of the questions I asked	6 Q. And how about scheduling date for performance
7 before. Why not have some guidelines in place	of deferred maintenance in general, put aside
8 as to how to make those types of decisions and	8 the T1, but in general? Is that something you
9 what to do when you're making that type of a	9 would think in a structured analysis, if
10 decision?	you're going to defer maintenance, it would be
11 MR. HENDERSON:	a good idea to have a deferral date to when
12 A. Well, the what I would say that we would	you're going to do it?
expect it to be a documented change and if	13 MR. HENDERSON:
somebody is making those kinds of decisions	14 A. Yes.
that they should have documentation. That is	15 MR. O'BRIEN:
16 we've established that's an expectation	Q. And is that something that forms part of
that people have is that there should be what	17 Hydro's processes?
we call change management process where they	18 MR. HENDERSON:
would evaluate the change and it's a very	19 A. That should that is an expectation that
20 considered and deliberate decision.	20 people would be that's all part of the
21 MR. O'BRIEN:	21 analysis is when are you deferring it to and 22 the associated risk of it.
Q. Okay. Well, let me take you on that point to	
page eight, lines 18 to 20. I want to get	23 MR. O'BRIEN:
your comment on this because it sort of arises	24 Q. Okay.
25 from what you've just said. "There remains	25 CHAIRMAN:

**September 23, 2015** Page 61 Page 63 comprehensive 20-year plan and establishing an Q. Mr. O'Brien, I think it is programmatic 1 2 though, not pragmatic. 2 Office of Asset Management to provide strong oversight of asset management practices and 3 MR. O'BRIEN: 3 standards." So that's what you're getting at Q. Is it? Okay. 4 in terms of across the organization? 5 CHAIRMAN: 5 Q. It is to me. 6 MR. HENDERSON: A. Yes. 7 MR. O'BRIEN: Q. All right. 8 MR. O'BRIEN: 9 CHAIRMAN: Q. Okay. In Liberty's recent reply evidence, Q. Because it implies a program. 10 they suggested that there was maintenance 10 backlogs back to 2011 in some cases. Is the 11 MR. O'BRIEN: 11 office manager or Office of Asset Management Q. Oh no, I understand. I understand. 12 12 13 CHAIRMAN: engaged to look after those types of things, 13 the maintenance backlogs? 14 Q. Something can be pragmatic, but it doesn't 14 have to be a -15 MR. HENDERSON: 15 16 MR. O'BRIEN: 16 A. The Office of Asset Management does not have a Q. I suppose it can be both, but I understand the direct role in execution. It's all to do with 17 17 programmatic aspect of it, definitely. establishing standards of practice and 18 18 consistency across the company throughout all 19 CHAIRMAN: 19 of Nalcor. So they would establish the Q. Can't be both to me, but could be wrong. 20 20 metrics that should be followed, the standards 21 MR. O'BRIEN: 21 22 Q. Okay. I want to ask you about the office of 22 that the people who are responsible for asset management. That was something executing the asset management program, the 23 23 established in 2010? Is that right? things that they should be doing. 24 25 MR. O'BRIEN: 25 MR. HENDERSON: Page 62 Page 64

A. That's right.

2 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. And what was the purpose behind that office?

4 MR. HENDERSON:

A. That was a position that was established to 5

provide, I'll say, a standardized approach 6

across all of Nalcor in the manner in which we 7

do all aspects of asset management. So this

would be a technical expert who would be --9

act like a consultant for all areas of the 10

11 company, all departments, to establish

standards which we would apply in the manner 12

in which we go about our asset management from 13

14 all aspects of the program.

15 MR. O'BRIEN:

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Q. Okay. And there's a reference I just want to

take you to, just to confirm. Section 1 of 17

the evidence, 1.34, page 1.34. 18

19 MS. GRAY:

Q. Sorry, what was the page number? 20

21 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. Sorry, 1.34, lines one to four, I think. 22

Okay. So at lines one to four there, "this 23

included reorganization of the operations and 24 25

engineering functions establishing a

Q. Okay.

2 MR. HENDERSON:

A. And it would be expected to be consistent 3

across all areas, whether its in Hydro 4

5 generation, thermal generation, in the rural

areas. 6

7 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. So in terms of say talking about our 90 8

percent and 100 percent, is that something 9

that comes out of the Office of Asset 10

11 Management is the standard for preventative

maintenance? 12

13 MR. HENDERSON:

A. The Office of Asset Management would be 14 suggesting that these types of metrics should 15 be there and would be working with the groups 16 as to what the appropriate improvements should 17 be, what the aspects of their asset -- where 18 the asset management activities should be, 19 areas of weakness, I'll say in different areas 20 and again, as sort of an expert consultant 21 22 there to help guide everybody in terms of where the priorities should be with respect to 23 program type of activities, as opposed to the 24 25 actual execution of the maintenance. So the

Multi-Page TM **September 23, 2015** NL Hydro GRA Page 65 Page 67 office of asset management would not be part focused person who can dedicate their time to 1 1 2 of the decision on deferral, but they would be 2 that, that's been helpful, and will make a difference over the coming years. And that part of the discussion as to what metrics we 3 3 should be following and carrying out in terms is, you know, reflective of our changing 4 4 of the way we execute our maintenance program. circumstances and our aging assets. It's a 5 5 6 MR. O'BRIEN: need to have that ongoing day-to-day focus. 6 Q. Okay. So they wouldn't have any sort of 7 We've established -- as I mentioned, 7 direct involvement with deferral. Would they we've established the trending and discussion 8 8 have any direct involvement with, say on an every week on preventative maintenance program 9 10 annual basis, looking back and seeing where 10 completion. So that's an area that gets you were with respect to those metrics and ongoing discussion from my level, as well as 11 11 what steps to take to improve? the chief operating officer. 12 12 The other aspects of it is with respect 13 MR. HENDERSON: 13 A. They may be involved in that kind of to the combustion turbines, we've established 14 14 discussion as sort of, I'll say, an expert to a group that's got a focus on that, that's 15 15 16 help with the decision making, but the 16 dedicated focus, and as the combustion decisions are all with the operations people, turbines are going to be required much more, 17 17 not with the Office of Asset Management. be operated much more, up until the time of 18 18 interconnection with Labrador and over the 19 MR. O'BRIEN: 19 Maritime Link, those requirements mean that Q. Okay, all right. I wanted to ask you going 20 20 forward now in terms of reliability for the there has to be that ongoing close monitoring 21 21 22 system, Mr. Martin spoke about the importance 22 of their performance and that has been another of leadership in a regulated utility and he area that has been an increased focus that 23 23 indicated some of the steps that he has taken we've brought to bear in that area. 24 24 in his role following the January '14, 2014 The other items is that we've established 25 25 Page 68 Page 66 events in order to take over leadership and certainly, for this year and for future years, 1 1 2 deal with reliability going forward. Can you 2 what we're calling a reliability improvement 3 give us an idea as to what types of things program which will be ensuring that we act on 3 you've done now since January 2014 to take the outstanding items that have come from the 4 4 more of a leadership role? 5 reviews that we've done and also seeking out reliability improvement 6 MR. HENDERSON: additional 6 7 A. Well, I'll say that the -- I'm thinking about 7 opportunities that we can take with respect -your comment on more of a leadership role. in a number of different areas, but it's each 8 8 of the managers in operations have, as part of 9 MR. O'BRIEN: 9 Q. And that's fine, then maybe just in terms of their work place, is to seek out those types 10 10 of things and again, that's an item that the 11 your role, yeah. 11 chief operating officer is leading and he is 12 MR. HENDERSON: 12 A. In terms of changes that we've implemented reporting to me on progress on those things on 13 13 that I've been part of the changes is we've -a regular basis. 14 14 first of all, we've established the chief 15 So they're -- and that reliability 15 operating officer role. As I mentioned I improvement initiative, if you like, is one 16 16 think the other day that the chief operating 17

area that I'll say still needs to be fully 17 completed, in terms of an ongoing multi-year 18 19 plan, but that's another area that will have impact on reliability on a go-forward basis. 20 21 (10:30 a.m.) 22 MR. O'BRIEN: Q. And I presume as well, on that note, you've 23 also began implementation of a lot of the 24 recommendations of Liberty Consulting that 25

officer is a person who is out working with

the people in the field, working with them,

understanding all of the issues. So there's a

close, very close relationship there for day-

to-day issues. It was something that I had

been doing prior to that for a period of time

until we established that role. So that role

has made -- I'll say in having that additional

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1	arose out of the power outage inquiry. Is	1		items that would not be unusual in the first
2	that right?	2		start-up year of a new unit. I think we've
3	MR. HENDERSON:	3	i	I think in evidence there is a bathtub curve
4	A. Well, I would say that many of what Liberty	4		that shows typical operation of new facilities
5	had identified were exactly what we had	5	i	or any generation facilities and how in the
6	identified ourselves in our review and the	6	i	very early days of their operation, there can
7	substantial items there were items that we had	7		be and it's typical that there are operating
8	identified as areas of improvement and we are	8	i	challenges that could cause the unit to be
9	in agreement with Liberty that those are areas	9	1	unavailable for periods of time. Those should
10	for future attention and ongoing attention, I	10	1	they do occur. They should be dealt with
11	should say.	11		in a short time period and then we would
12	MR. O'BRIEN:	12	,	expect a long period of reliable operation
13	Q. I wanted to ask you, you mentioned the CT and	13		with very infrequent forced outages.
14	C I	14	MR.	. O'BRIEN:
15	this is a list of the during the year 2015	15	ζ	Q. So do you expect going forward now that the
16	of the times when the CT has been offline	16	i	number of outages we see here to be smaller?
17	or unavailable for scheduled outages and	17	MR.	. HENDERSON:
18	planned outages and we see a full list there	18	A	A. On a go-forward basis, I would expect it to be
19	and the first one there, March 4th, I	19	į.	typical of a combustion turbine and I have
20	understand was even a school day at that point	20	ł	been given the reliability measures that we
21	and the schools were closed, but as we go	21		call it the UFOP or utilization forced outage
22	through, there's a fair number of those	22	,	probability and which is a measure that we use
23	instances in which the CT was had either	23	1	for reliability of these gas turbines which
24	failed to start or there was scheduled outages	24		are combustion turbines that have they
25	or unscheduled outages. I think we can go on	25		don't run very often, but their ability to
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1	to the next page, there's a few more as well.	1		supply power when needed, and the figures that
2	Do you have any concern going forward about	2		I have been given up to the end of August
3	the CT and its availability for the system?	3		indicate that this is the performance here
4	MR. HENDERSON:	4		is within the expected range of performance
5	A. No. No, I don't. The CT is in its first year	5		for combustion turbines. I think the number

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A. No. No, I don't. The CT is in its first year of operation. It's not uncommon for when a 6 7 new facility comes into operation that there 8 are things that need to be adjusted and 9 corrected as you run the machine for, you know, its first operating season. So there's 10 11 -- taking scheduled outages are going to be 12 part of the operation of any facility, 13 particularly as it use it more, there's going to be need to have scheduled outages that you 14 15 would schedule in a planned basis to go in and perhaps complete corrective maintenance or a 16 17 part of your preventative maintenance program 18 as to do things such as fuel filter changes, 19 those types of things would be expected and 20 they'd be scheduled by the system operator at 21 an appropriate time that would be low impact 22 or no impact on customers and on the reliable 23 supply.

for combustion turbines. I think the number is around a five percent value for UFOP is what our planning people would expect for long term for this type of combustion turbine and I think the number -- and it's under five percent, but I can't quote it, but it might be three or four percent or something like that that we've experienced already. So it's -with the time that we've had, it isn't out of the range of normal performance.

That being said, you know, I know that the couple of issues that we've had on start up have been related to the new equipment and things that we have learned about the new equipment that need to be -- you know, have higher attention, and so particularly the March 4th event where we had a valve that had moved its position that caused a delay in start. That was something that was part of the design that we had to adjust, to make an adjustment, and that's the type of thing that

Some of the other items there with

respect to forced outages, these are again

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Page 73 Page 75 you would expect that you may incur when a new 1 1 MR. HENDERSON: facility is coming into operation. 2 A. It certainly has advanced further along. 3 MR. O'BRJEN: There's a number of elements related to this 3 Q. If I could turn, Mr. Henderson, I'd like to that do take time to do in terms of the legal 4 talk a little bit about the deferral accounts 5 5 transfer and all of the various elements of and the first thing I think I'd like to talk it. There's the cost, what's the amount that 6 6 7 about is the energy supply deferral account as Hydro would pay for it, if anything. And all 7 it pertains to Exploits. Is this something those aspects of it. So there's a number of 8 8 that you're able to talk about or is it different elements that are taking time to 9 10 something that I should -- that's within your 10 resolve. So we're not there yet, but that -- that's what I saw on the list. work is progressing. 11 11 12 MR. O'BRIEN: 12 MR. HENDERSON: A. Certainly I'm prepared to answer. I may Q. Do you have any level of foreseeability sort defer, depending on the detail that you're of or foresight as to when we might see that 14 14 transfer occurring? 15 looking for. 15 16 MR. O'BRIEN: 16 MR. HENDERSON: Q. Okay, all right. So the operating expenses in A. Right now, we're working towards a 2016 17 17 the revenue requirement include the costs of transfer, but that's -- right now, I would say 18 18 purchased power from Exploits at I believe that that -- I can't say with certainty that 19 19 that will happen, but that was the way that we it's four cents a kilowatt hour. Is that 20 20 had initiated our efforts in 2015 to -- was to 21 right? 21 22 MR. HENDERSON: 22 move towards having that occur in 2016. 23 A. That's correct. 23 MR. O'BRIEN: Q. And if there haven't been any discussions 24 MR. O'BRIEN: 24 really about sort of price change or anything Q. And that's been the cost since 2011 timeframe? 25 Page 76 Page 74 at this point in time, why would you look for 1 MR. HENDERSON: 1 a deferral account to cover the variability in A. That's correct. 2 sort of price changes for purchase power from 3 MR. O'BRIEN: 3 Q. One of the RFIs seem to suggest there's no Exploits? 4 5 certainty about what this cost might be in the 5 MR. HENDERSON: future. Can you expand on that? Have you had A. I'm not aware that we've asked for a deferral 6 6 any discussions with Government about sort of 7 7 related to Exploits. where those costs may be going? 8 8 MR. O'BRIEN: 9 MR. HENDERSON: Q. I thought it was all power purchases. A. With respect to the Exploits asset, our 10 MR. HENDERSON: 10 11 discussion with Government has been around 11 A. It is all power purchases. So it's related changing the ownership of the facility for to, as you just said, it's all power 12 12 Hydro to take ownership of the facility. purchases, and supply costs variations for the 13 13 Island Interconnected System. So, there's a There's been no discussion or indication 14 14 number of different parts to that which would 15 whatsoever of any change in the price. The 15 be the volume of energy that's purchased focus has been on what -- putting in place 16 16 through the power purchases, the price related what we need to put in place in order to 17 17 enable a transfer of ownership. to the power purchases. There's also the 18 18 19 MR. O'BRIEN: 19 aspects of the other supply items that we have, which would be the combustion turbine Q. And I saw that in the initial filing that that 20 20 appeared that was on the horizon and that was fuel costs variability -- is another I'll say 21 21 the plan in terms of transferring the asset to significant component of the variability of 22 22

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the total supply picture. And over time,

since, you know, the last time Hydro put

forward a GRA, we now have a significantly

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Hydro, but that hasn't come to fruition at

this point. Is that something that is now

Page 79  larger portion of our energy is supplied believe back in 2007, there would have been three and that has expanded. We have now the addition of the wind and Exploits, which all have volume variability and an element of price variability.  MR. O'BRIEN:  MR. O'BR	September 23, 2013	1111-1 6	ige IL Hydro GKA
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1 MR. O'BRIEN:	is met primarily by the Holyrood thermal
2 Q. Yeah, okay.	2 plant. So, we end up with a production
3 MR. HENDERSON:	3 estimate for the Holyrood thermal plant.
4 A. Again, if it into detail, we'll go	4 MR. O'BRIEN:
5 somewhere else.	5 Q. Okay.
6 MR. O'BRIEN:	6 MR. HENDERSON:
7 Q. Yeah, I guess, you're seeking a deferral	7 A. Then the systems operations department then
8 account with respect to some variability with	8 looks at how is that production to be
9 the Holyrood fuel conversion factor. I wonder	9 scheduled out during the year, assuming a
if we could pull up NP-191.	normal circumstance. So they do that and
11 MS. GRAY:	determine the number of hours each unit has to
12 Q. Revision 1?	operate and from that, they determine what
13 MR. O'BRIEN:	would be under that average scenario of
14 Q. What's that?	hydraulic production, what the average unit
15 MS. GRAY:	loading would be on the units when they are
16 Q. Revision 1?	online and then they would use that then to
17 MR. O'BRIEN:	17 calculate what they expect to be the
18 Q. Revision 1, please, yes. Okay, if we can	conversion rate of fuel at that load.
scroll down a bit here. Yeah, I just wanted	19 MR. O'BRIEN:
to check. So the 2015 test year Holyrood	20 Q. Okay. So we've got a calculated fuel
production is at 15 at 93. That's a fair bit	conversion forecast here for 2015 at 607. I
higher than some of the previous years. Is	understand that based on at least the evidence
that right?	that's been filed, that the higher the
24 MR. HENDERSON:	24 Holyrood production, the higher the fuel
25 A. The production?	conversion factor generally.
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1 MR. O'BRIEN:	1 MR. HENDERSON:
2 O Yes	2 A That's not correct

- Q. Yes.
- 3 MR. HENDERSON:
- A. Yes.
- 5 MR. O'BRIEN:
- Q. And if we looked actually NP-379 I think we
- 7 might get a better picture of a number of the
- -- yeah, okay. So we see Holyrood fuel 8
- conversion factor. I wonder if you can give 9
- us your overview of sort of the factors, the 10
- 11 types of factors that Hydro feels are
- important in considering how to forecast for 12
- 13 the conversion factor, Holyrood fuel
- conversion factor in the test years? What did 14
- you consider? 15
- 16 MR. HENDERSON:
- 17 A. So what we -- I can say that there's -- the
- system operations and planning panel will be 18
- 19 ready to respond to this, but the basis
- elements is that we have -- we do an average 20
- hydraulic production forecast. We do a 21
- 22 forecast on power purchases and we have a
- forecast of customer load. The difference 23
- 24 between the customer load and the hydraulic
- 25 production and the power purchase production

- A. That's not correct.
- 3 MR. O'BRIEN:
- Q. Okay. Can you explain that to me?
- 5 MR. HENDERSON:
- A. It's related to the average load that the unit 6
- 7 has to produce.
- 8 MR. O'BRIEN:
- Q. Okay.

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- 10 MR. HENDERSON:
  - A. So the annual production isn't a measure to determine that. The annual production will generally trend with that, but what's changing is the demand on the power system, customer load requirements are changing, and that changes the manner in which the Holyrood plant has to be used during the year and that can result in the units operating for more hours than in prior years with the same production level, and as a result, the average load on the unit would be lower than in a similar production year. So, the very simple example would be if you go back far enough, the Holyrood plant did not operate at all during

the summer and you could probably shut it down

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the end of May.	1	has less BTUs in a barrel, we pay a lower
2 MR. O'BRIEN:	2	price for the barrel than one that has higher
3 Q. Okay.	3	BTUs in it. So in essence, we if the
4 MR. HENDERSON:	4	supplier doesn't provide the BTU, they get a
5 A. And you got a certain production out of it is	n 5	lower price.
6 that period of time. While in 2015 and goin	ng 6	MR. O'BRIEN:
7 forward, the Holyrood plant is expected to	be 7	Q. And how do you determine that?
8 on all year round for reliability purposes an	id 8	MR. HENDERSON:
9 as a result, you're getting more production	n 9	A. The BTU content?
but at a lower average unit load.	10	MR. O'BRIEN:
11 MR. O'BRIEN:	11	Q. Yeah.
12 Q. Unit load. So the unit load is the key	12	MR. HENDERSON:
13 factor?	13	A. We do a fuel oil sampling when we purchase the
14 MR. HENDERSON:	14	fuel. Each shipment, there is a load port
15 A. The unit load is the key factor that	15	when the fuel goes on board the tanker that
influences the efficiency of the unit, and so	16	brings the fuel in, there's samples taken of
that average unit load will change depending	ng   17	the fuel and those samples are sent to a lab
on your hydraulic conditions, depending	on 18	which does an analysis of the fuel and
19 your customer demand, and they would be	e the 19	determines the BTU content. We also do
20 two components. So, the system operator m	nakes 20	another test when the fuel is offloaded into
a decision as to when the unit needs to be o	on 21	our storage facility and we look at the BTU
and that will depend on what else is happen	ning 22	content there. They should be very, very
on the system and what customer demand i	s. 23	similar, but you know, during the course of
24 MR. O'BRIEN:	24	the sea travel, the fuel mixes, so you may get
25 Q. So if we go back like you say, if we go	25	a little different reading. But basically,
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1 back to 2004 and say 2003 and 2004 wh		those readings establish the BTU content of
2 we've got high Holyrood production and l	high 2	the fuel that we're receiving.
fuel conversion factor, while we see a trend	l, 3	MR. O'BRIEN:
4 that's not necessarily a cause and effect typ	e 4	Q. And have you had any discussions with your
5 of a trend?	5	supplier as to having a lower BTU now over the
6 MR. HENDERSON:	6	last few years and whether or not it's
7 A. That's right.	7	possible to get fuel with a higher heating
8 MR. O'BRIEN:	8	content?
9 Q. And in terms of the running heat content		MR. HENDERSON:
there's been some indication that the running	-	A. We have had discussions with our supplier and
heat content has been dropping. Can you g		we have recently tendered for a new supply
me any background on that, sort of what so		contract and the tender that we went had a
of testing you've done to see how you ca		higher heating content as the base heating
bring up the heat content for the fuel used?	14	content for our specification, but again, the
15 MR. HENDERSON:	15	supplier, when they source that oil, if they
16 A. Our fuel contract with our supplier for fuel		end up with a lower BTU content, we will pay
in essence is buying BTUs.	17	less. So, they in terms of the incentive
18 MR. O'BRIEN:	18	for the supplier to get a higher BTU content,
19 Q. Right.	19	we would pay a higher price for higher BTU

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content and that has always been the case for

all our fuel. The variability is reflective

of variability in the supply market and the

can source number 6 oil. So, we had a

consultant in 2000 and -- earlier this year,

changing -- number 6 oil market and where you

A. Although everything that we do in terms of

rate setting and the RSP is done on a kilowatt

hour per barrel basis and a dollar per barrel

basis, we are actually buying BTUs. So if the

barrel that we get in a particular shipment

20 MR. HENDERSON:

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1	and I'm trying to think of time, but we	1	the RSP to customers. It does not come back
2	basically had a consultant brought in to help	2	to Hydro and Hydro suffers the consequence in
3	us review what's happening in the market	3	a lower conversion factor and so, the manner
4	because of the changes that we're seeing, the	4	in which the BTU the kilowatt hours per
5	changes in quality of the fuel and how we may	5	barrel number is fixed, but the BTU content
6	address those types of things, and they	6	varies. Hydro is taking that while it doesn't
7	basically have explained to us that the market	7	obtain any benefit, but the pricing
8	is changing. There's fewer people buying	8	improvement that you get by getting lower BTU
9	number 6 fuel oil in the marketplace. There's	9	falls out into the price of oil which goes
10	fewer refineries that have that as a product	10	through the RSP and benefits customers. So
11		11	there's a disconnect, if you like, in terms of
12	tending to be more of a blended product of	12	the benefit to customers versus the impact to
13	different types of refinery oils. So that	13	Hydro.
14	changes things and changes heat content. So	14 M	IR. O'BRIEN:
15	there's a number of factors that are	15	Q. In terms of the relationship or connection
16	influencing that change.	16	between the BTU and the fuel conversion
17	MR. O'BRIEN:	17	factor, and looking at 2008 and 2009 where you
18	Q. This consultant, who was that consultant?	18	have a higher BTU and lower Holyrood
19	MR. HENDERSON:	19	production, yet you have higher fuel
20	A. Who?	20	conversion 625 and 612, in terms of that
21	MR. O'BRIEN:	21	relationship of which sort of which factor
22	Q. The consultant, yeah.	22	is more important? Have you done any studies
23	MR. HENDERSON:	23	or commissioned any studies to see sort of is
24	A. It was Stantec.	24	the fuel content more important, is the
25	5 MR. O'BRIEN:	25	Holyrood production content more important,
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1	Q. Stantec, okay. And have you engaged Stantec	1	are there other factors that may be
2	to assist in looking for higher BTU content	2	influencing what the fuel conversion factor
3	oil or fuel?	3	is, apart from just providing a regression
4	MR. HENDERSON:	4	analysis?
5	A. So what we they provided us advice on our	5 (1	1:00 a.m.)
6		6 M	IR. HENDERSON:

fuel specification and we used their advice in

7 our most recent tender for it.

8 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. In your recent tender, okay. And so that tender went out again, when was that? 10

11 MR. HENDERSON:

A. That tender was just awarded. 12

13 MR. O'BRIEN:

14 Q. Just awarded, okay. And the specifications

15 were for how much BTU in that?

16 MR. HENDERSON:

17 A. I don't remember the number off -- I know it's 18 higher, but again, as I said, we will pay for 19 whatever that is. The element here of this that people should be aware of is that we, 20

from buying the fuel, we're buying BTU content 21 22 which is what is the real heating value of the

23 fuel to produce electricity. So we are paying

24 for the BTUs. The problem for Hydro with this

25 is that that fuel price variability goes into

A. Well, the factors -- we have not commissioned 7 8 a study on this, but the factors are, as we talked about, is it's the average unit loading 9 is key and critical. The BTU content is key 10

11 and critical, and they are the biggest influencers on the conversion. The manner in 12

13 which the thermal plant operator controls the 14 operation of the boiler also influences the

conversion factor. And that comes out in 15 terms of the thermal efficiency of the boiler. 16

17 So if you look at the percentage efficiency of the boiler for a given load, the operators are 18

19 working to try to be as efficient as possible at that particular load. So they have -- the 20

21 operators and the managers of the Holyrood 22 thermal plant follow what they call a guide

curve, which shows how much -- how efficient 23

24 you are at different loads and the objective and ongoing challenge to the operators is to 25

Page 93 get as many kilowatt hours out per barrel, out 1 1 per BTU at different loads. And so that's 2 2 outages. what the operator is focused on. But they 3 3 can't control the average unit loading. They 4 4 can't control the BTU content. They can only 5 5 6 control the combustion process in the boiler 6 7 and they are constantly challenged to find 7 ways to make that combustion process more 8 8 efficient and they have a guide curve and it's 9 9 10 reported up to the manager every month on how 10 we're doing and the idea is to constantly 11 11 improve. They have a number of tools there 12 12 that they use to be able to monitor that and 13 13 they're doing that online and if you go into 14 14 the plant, you can see that that's one of the 15 15 16 things that the operator does to control 16 affect the conversion rate? efficiency. But that has a -- it has an 17 17 MR. HENDERSON: impact, but the -- and if you paid no 18 18 attention to it, it could have a significant 19 19 impact, but this is the critical component 20 20 that they watch all the time and the bigger 21 21 impacts is the average unit loading and the 22 22 BTU content and I said, these are -- the 23 23 average unit loading and the BTU content are 24 24 driven primarily by things that are outside of 25 25 that, yes. Page 94

Page 95 maintenance and repairs with the January 2014

"The lower generating levels experienced at unit three in December 2013 and January 2014 in isolation would have lowered the overall plant conversion rate. However, with unit three derated, the other units were operated at a higher level of generation than they would otherwise have been for system security reasons. The fuel conversion rate of thermal units increases at higher level of generation." I want to ask in terms of generalities and maintenance and repairs, if more are required in the system than general -- than usual over an annual basis, will that

A. There are a number of factors that can affect conversion rate and if you take a unit out for a longer period of time than I'll say within the base plan, it will impact the conversion rate. It would also -- it could impact reliability because of the unit non-available. So there's different items that could affect

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Hydro's control because they're driven by 1 2

customer demand and they're driven by the

3 nature of the product and how the fuel product

that we're getting. 4

5 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. Perhaps we can stop at this point, Mr. Chair.

7 CHAIRMAN:

8 Q. Okay. We'll take our break.

9 (BREAK - 11:02 a.m.)

(RESUME - 11:34 a.m.) 10

11 CHAIRMAN:

Q. Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead, sir. 12

13 MR. O'BRIEN:

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Q. No problem. Thank you, Mr. Chair. When we 14 left off, we were talking about I think the 15 unit operating load being an important factor 16 here for determining the Holyrood fuel 17 conversion factor. I wonder if we could pull 18 19 up NP-NLH-333? So there's a question put there to Hydro to explain the impact of the 20 operation and maintenance issues associated 21 22 with the following had on fuel conversion rate

for Holyrood in 2013 and 2014. And I want to 23

look, I guess if we turn to the next page, at 24

the maintenance and repair question. So

1 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. So if reliability increases in the future and

there's less say corrective maintenance in 3

that regard, would we expect to see a 4

conversion rate increase?

6 MR. HENDERSON:

A. Not necessarily.

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Q. And why is that?

10 MR. HENDERSON:

A. Because if your system requires, for reliability purposes, so many units on at a given period of time, so when you have all units running -- what your base assumption would be that -- for to make it simple is that during the winter period from December 1st, pick a date, to March 31st, you want three units on all of the time because that will give you the highest level of reliability that if you lose a unit for some reason, there's no impact, and so that would be your base where you want to be. If you have a problem with one of those units during that period of time, it comes off. It's shut down. The other -you're at a reliability risk, but your

Page 97 conversion rate could go up on your other 1 2 units because they're moving up to a higher load to give you the same impact. So, if 3 you're more reliable and let's say through 4 that whole winter period a unit does not go 5 6 down at all, but you need it on for the whole 7 time, then your conversion rate will be lower 8 because you didn't move up on the other units. 9 MR. O'BRIEN:

10 Q. Okay. So the more reliable you are, the lower the conversion rate? 11

12 MR. HENDERSON:

A. Well, it's -- that is certainly an impact, because if you do take a unit off, the other 14 units go up. So that is the case. In terms 15 16 of, I'll say, unit deratings, which is another aspect of reliability where a unit goes down 17 partially on low, you could be taking some 18 auxiliary equipment out that impacts some 19 reliability or on the conversion and the 20 efficiency. So there is a number of different 21 22 factors because there's a lot of components in the Holyrood plant that can influence the 23 conversion rate and the reliability. 24

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A. Having the CT online -- there's a balance here

2 that increase conversion?

3 MR. HENDERSON:

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5 that the system operations department can talk to, but for instance, you could make a 6 7 decision to put the combustion turbine on for 8 eight hours during the day and keep a unit off 9 at Holyrood off for 24 hours because it's the eight hours -- there's eight critical hours 10

11 during the day that you need that Holyrood -that equivalent capacity that the combustion 12 turbine brings. So, you could look at it and 13

say we'll take Holyrood large thermal unit off 14 15 because it's burning oil for 24 hours and put

on a combustion turbine which is only going to 16

17 burn oil for -- diesel fuel basically for eight hours, and it may be cheaper and more 18

efficient for Holyrood to run the combustion

turbine for those eight hours than run 20 Holyrood for the 24 hours. 21

> So there's a cost analysis that you would do. The fuel going into the combustion turbine is more expensive. The cost per kilowatt hour coming out of the combustion

Page 99 turbine is more expensive than the cost per 1

2 kilowatt hour of Holyrood, even when Holyrood

is running at a very low load, but depending 3

on the number of hours the unit is on, there 4

could be an economic benefit to running 5 Holyrood less and running the CT in its place. 6

7 MR. O'BRIEN:

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Q. Okay. In one of the RFIs, if we could pull up IC-093, and you talked about earlier, I guess,

10 just before the break, about the efficiencies

that operations, I guess, employ on a regular 11

basis to try to keep the units running 12

13 efficiently and -

14 MS. GRAY: Q. Sorry, Revision 1, Mr. O'Brien? 15

16 MR. O'BRIEN:

17 Q. Yes, sorry. Yeah, Revision 1, that's right.

I believe that's it. Let me see here. No, 18

that's not it. I'm wondering, page three to

five, if we could -- yeah. Yes, so it's 20

starting on page three, if we scroll down a 21

22 bit. There's a number of routine activities

that are listed there to try to maintain 23

efficiencies at Holyrood. Are those the types

of routine activities you'd be engaged in to 25

Q. How about the CT, having the CT online, does try to keep Holyrood running efficiently? 1

2 MR. HENDERSON:

3 A. That is, yes.

4 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. And if you're not engaged in those activities,

would the fuel conversion factor, would you 6

7 see that being affected?

8 MR. HENDERSON:

A. Yes, you would. And these items are part of our day-to-day routines. This is part of the 10

11 job of the operator at the Holyrood plant, the operations team there, is to ensure all of 12

13 these things are done to get optimum

efficiency out of the plant. And that, I will 14

say to you, is also part of our environmental 15 management system and in terms of the 16

17 objectives of trying to prevent pollution from

18 the plant and to continually improve, which is 19

our commitment in our environmental management

system. This is part of our commitment there 20

21 as well is to be doing these things.

22 MR. O'BRIEN:

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23 Q. And if we scroll down, I think there's a 24 couple of pages there of a number of different

initiatives taken over the years. I'm just

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1	wondering, in terms of financial incentive, if	1	MR. O'BRIEN:
2	the Board does decide to provide you with	2	Q. And why is it that Hydro hasn't proposed that
3	or Hydro with a deferral account with respect	3	for the Holyrood conversation factor?
4	to the Holyrood conversion factor, what	4	MR. HENDERSON:
5	incentive would Hydro have to continue to try	5	A. We haven't proposed it because when you
6	to maintain efficiencies there, if everything	6	consider the full of all the deferral
7	is going to be captured in a deferral account?	7	accounts, the total exposure to the company
8	MR. HENDERSON:	8	that was in the with all three, we felt it
9	A. Well, Hydro has a commitment for least cost	9	was as much as the company should be taking
10	reliable electricity and this is part of that	10	with respect to all of these variability, all
11	least cost mandate that we would continue to	11	the variables of all three deferrals.
12	adhere to. The financial incentive is not	12	MR. O'BRIEN:
13	what's driving this. It's our commitment to	13	Q. And is it with respect to the other
14	least cost reliable service. It's part of our	14	deferrals, one of the questions I had left in
15	commitment to the environment, our	15	my head, I don't think I asked you, is with
16	environmental management system, and it's the	16	respect to the Exploits and I did ask you
17	right thing to do. So, that's why we are	17	about the variability in price and that
18	doing that. And in our environmental	18	there's no indication, at least on a go-
19	management system, we are committed to	19	forward basis right now, as to variability on
20	continual improvement and that's why the in	20	price. I'm wondering why it would be that
21	addition, you know, to the efficiency	21	you'd want that one included in the deferral
22	improvements, this reduces pollution and	22	accounts if there's no price variability?
23	that's our commitment through that and we		MR. HENDERSON:
24	continue to put forward initiatives each year	24	A. Well, the Exploits is a hydro electric
25	to improve our environmental performance and	25	facility and it has hydraulic variability. So
	Page 102	2	Page 104
1	the items that happen at Holyrood are a part	1	there is a variability there with respect to
2	of that commitment.	2	the I guess, particularly the rainfall that
3	MR. O'BRIEN:	3	occurs on the Exploits River and the amount of
4	Q. And with respect to the fuel conversion factor	4	water that's available for that facility.
5	itself, I understand that the proposal is to	5	That would be one of the larger variables that
6	put a band around sort of the deferral	6	that facility can experience over time.
7	account. Is that right?		MR. O'BRIEN:
	MR. HENDERSON:	8	Q. And so that's similar to the hydraulic
9	A. On the efficiency factor?	9	variability in the RSP is what you're -
	MR. O'BRIEN:		MR. HENDERSON:
11	Q. Sorry, not the efficiency factor. That was	11	A. That's correct.
12	what Mr. Martin had thought might be the case.		MR. O'BRIEN:
13	That's not the case in Holyrood?	13	Q. Same thing. In terms of price though, is that
1	MR. HENDERSON:	14	something that would be prepared to take of a
15	A. No, it's not.	15	deferral account, any issue with respect to
	MR. O'BRIEN:	16	pricing of Exploits and just focus on the
17	Q. And the other deferral accounts, there's a	17	hydraulic aspect of it?
18 19	band to be put in place for those. Just		MR. HENDERSON:
1	explain how that would work.	19	A. Well, I guess that's not something that we
- 1	(11:45 a.m.) MR. HENDERSON:	20 21	have considered at this point in time. I'd need to talk to other people to understand
	A. So those bands are there to I'll say for	21 22	what that exposure might be. So I wouldn't
22 23	each one of those, it's for the company to	23	make a commitment right here, but I can say
24	take some level of risk with respect to those	23	that the full anticipation is that there won't
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particular measures.

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1 ownership.	1	now and the completion of the Labrador
2 MR. O'BRIEN:	2	Interconnection, which provides a review of
3 Q. Okay. And at that point, it wouldn't even be	3	the current load forecast that we're expecting
4 necessary to have a deferral account, I	4	over the next time period and the reserves and
5 suppose. It will be built into Hydro's	5	
6 operations in the GRA anyway.	6	
7 MR. HENDERSON:	7	
8 A. It would be built in well, once that does	8	
9 occur, then we would have to be presenting it	9	
to the Public Utilities Board, that change.	10	
11 MR. O'BRIEN:	11	
12 Q. Sure.	12	MR. O'BRIEN:
13 MR. HENDERSON:	13	
14 A. And the natural place for that to fit would be	14	
into the hydraulic variation of the RSP.	15	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
16 MR. O'BRIEN:	16	
17 Q. But in terms of pricing aspect of it, the	17	
natural fit would be in terms of the GRA just	18	
like the rest of Hydro's operations?	19	
20 MR. HENDERSON:	20	
21 A. Well, it would be cost.	21	
22 MR. O'BRIEN:	22	
23 Q. Yeah, cost.	23	
24 MR. HENDERSON:	24	
25 A. So we would be speaking to the cost to operate	25	
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Page 1 that facility.		Page 108
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3 Q. Right.		MR. O'BRIEN:
4 MR. HENDERSON:	4	
5 A. And what's the right amount in the base rates.	5	
6 MR. O'BRIEN:	6	
7 Q. Right, okay. I do want to ask you about one	7	
8 of the documents I'd asked to be provided. I		MR. HENDERSON:
9 can find it myself. And that's the September	9	
2015 Report to the Board on Generation	10	
11 Adequacy.	11	
12 MS. GLYNN:	12	
13 Q. So we'll enter that Information No. 9.	13	
14 MR. O'BRIEN:	14	
15 Q. Thank you. Are you familiar with this	15	
document, Mr. Henderson?	16	
17 MR. HENDERSON:	17	
18 A. Yes, I am.	18	
19 MR. O'BRIEN:	19	
20 Q. Okay. And just give us a brief overview of	20	
21 what it is.	21	
22 MR. HENDERSON:	22	
23 A. This is a report that was that we had	23	
24 agreed that we would provide to the Public	24	
25 Utilities Board in August of each year between	25	
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that we would be putting forward something to	1	been identified through the analysis that
2 the Board with regard to this in the short	2	we've done on those particular events. I
3 term, but you know, rather than I'd rather	3	think they're all very well laid out and been
4 not go into the detail because that's going to	4	explained to the Board through our filings on
5 be subject of another discussion.	5	that. And I'm not aware that there was
6 MR. O'BRIEN:	6	anything at all there related to costs that
7 Q. I understand, and I'm not going to necessarily	7	tied to the impact of those. So they're
8 ask you the detail of it. I guess I'm more	8	unrelated. I think the cost side of things
9 interested in higher level sort of, if there	9	are tied to the ongoing well, the aging of
has been an analysis of least cost analysis	10	our power system, the investment we need to be
and you've indicated either there has been or	11	putting into our power system to ensure the
there intends to be?	12	equipment operates reliably. There was other
13 MR. HENDERSON:	13	cost drivers I think we've talked about. I
14 A. That work is pretty well well, complete.	14	think each of the panels that have been on
It's just a matter of putting together what's	15	right now, up to now, have talked about the
required for an application.	16	salary aspects of the cost drivers which are
17 MR. O'BRIEN:	17	related to competitive salary payments to the
18 Q. Okay. And we'll see that in an application as	18	staff. So there's those aspects of it, you
to what the least cost analysis was?	19	know, are the things that influence cost and
20 MR. HENDERSON:	20	affect reliability, but the fact that the
21 A. Absolutely.	21	costs have gone up is not causing the
22 MR. O'BRIEN:	22	reliability to go down. Actually, the costs
23 Q. Okay. And in terms of other options to deal	23	that we have incurred are due to capital
24 with system capacity, did you consider other	24	investments to improve reliability.
options or was it just a focus on whether or	25 M	IR. O'BRIEN:
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1 not we keep these?	1	Q. And I guess that wasn't necessarily the
2 MR. HENDERSON:	2	connection I was making. I'm wondering
3 A. In order to put forward something like that,	3	whether or not you can comment on wouldn't you
4 we would consider all the options that would	4	expect reliability to go up if costs go up, as
5 give you similar benefit for similar cost.	5	opposed to costs not causing lower
6 MR. O'BRIEN:	6	reliability.
7 Q. For similar cost, okay, and that'll be part of	7 м	
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8 your proposal?	8	R. HENDERSON:  A. We expect that reliability will improve over
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directed towards Mr. Henderson, but there might be times when you will, as you've done with questions from my friend, Mr. O'Brien, provide some answers to some specifics.

Obviously there's been a lot of ground covered in the last couple of days by Mr. O'Brien and I'd like to start off first though with the area of Hydro's costs and those controllable costs. And just to, I guess, get the premise right, Mr. Henderson, I take it that you, in sponsoring the section of evidence on operating costs, that you accept that Hydro has the burden of providing and putting forward the evidence to actually demonstrate to the Board that the costs to be recovered in this Application are appropriate to ensure safe, reliable and least cost electricity. We're clear on that, are we? That's the burden?

20 MR. HENDERSON:

21 A. Yes, it is.

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22 JOHNSON, Q.C.:

23 Q. Okay. Now Mr. Henderson, one of your roles, and perhaps we could bring up PUB-229 in this 24 regard, under key responsibility areas, it 25

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vets in you a financial management key

2 responsibility area to provide leadership 3

throughout Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to

maintain a high cost control environment to

5 optimize costs for delivery of electricity

related services to customers and further, and 6

we can touch on the latter later, you have a

human resource management key area to provide

leadership throughout Hydro to ensure that you

have a highly motivated and effective work

force that is aligned with strategy direction

of Hydro.

Now, Mr. Henderson, we've already received the evidence through Mr. Martin's examination and through your earlier examination about some of the cost increases that we've been seeing in the controllable costs, some 43 percent on an inflation adjusted basis from '07 to 2015 in gross salary costs. That's 43 percent above inflation. Operations and maintenance costs, just another way of looking at cost expansion, operation and maintenance costs up by 33.3 percent over inflation. Financial departments

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Corporate relations department, 32 and a half 1

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2 percent. And just to understand your overall

position, Mr. Henderson, it's your evidence, I 3

take it, that these increases would be

reflective of, tying back to the language of 5

your key responsibility area, maintaining "a 6

high cost control environment to optimize 7

costs"? Would that be your take that this 8

represents high cost control?

10 (12:00 p.m.)

11 MR. HENDERSON:

A. This is reflecting high cost control in the balance of the other items that we have, in terms of asset management and reliability, to ensure reliable service to our customers. We looked at all of our costs to ensure that what we have in place in our costs is what's required. It's the least cost required to provide that reliable service that our customers expect.

21 JOHNSON, Q.C.:

22 Q. Okay. And I guess you -- and we'll get into some of the particulars, but do you understand 23 why there will be some difficulty in accepting 24 a remark that this would be reflective of high 25

Page 116 cost control? I mean, where you have 1

increases galloping well ahead of inflation on

2 a number of these indicators, you understand 3

why there's a bit of a disconnect, at least in 4

5 my head, between the concept of effective cost

control and the performance we've seen over 6

this period of time? 7

8 MR. HENDERSON:

A. I think as we looked at the items that are there in our proposal, the explanations are 10 11 provided for those costs. I think Mr. McDonald and Mr. Roberts spent a considerable 12 amount of time explaining the drivers for the 13 changes in the salary costs, which is a large 14 part. Well, you talked about 43 percent above 15 inflation. They were explained there, as the 16 drivers for that. That's a large part of the 17 33 percent in the O&M. So we're talking the 18 same, really the same driver there, a large 19 part of that is the change in salaries over 20 that period of time. So, ensuring that our 21 work force is properly compensated and we have 22 a competitive salary and benefits package is 23 part of what's happened here and that's 24

reflective of the transition that's happened

costs, 19.6 percent above inflation.

Page 117 Page 119 in the general economic environment that we're '07 to 2013 excludes major repairs and 1 1 working in and from where we recruit our inspections at Holyrood" and then you go on to 2 2 say, "both operating expenses and inflation people. 3 3 4 JOHNSON, Q.C.: are presented for comparison purposes 4 Q. And of course, you'll acknowledge that part of indexed." 5 5 it is the salary increases, but a part of it Now, first of all, I just want to get an 6 6 7 is also the major expansion in people working understanding as to why you would -- there 7 at Hydro and for Hydro in terms of FTE count? would be major repairs and inspections at 8 8 9 MR. HENDERSON: Holyrood backed out. A. That's correct. That is part of the element 10 MR. HENDERSON: 10 of this. A. I believe that's due to the accounting changes 11 11 related to the adoption of the IFRS Standard, 12 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 12 Q. And now I just want to go back, and again sort and that there was in 2007, I believe, there 13 of at a higher level, but I want to talk about was certain expenses in there that now would 14 14 the period from 2007 to 2013 and I want to be capitalized as part of the overhauls that 15 15 16 talk about the cost control experience during 16 we do at Holyrood. that period of time first, and in that regard, 17 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 17 if I could direct your attention to page 1.28 Q. Okay. Now if I could refer you for the moment 18 18 of Hydro's evidence? That would be in the to the Grant Thornton Report at Page 60. 19 19 introduction section. If you could scroll 20 20 MS. GRAY: down a little, after that pie chart, we see Q. Is that the June 12th report, Mr. Johnson? 21 21 Hydro indicating that as shown in the chart, 22 22 JOHNSON, Q.C.: Hydro says "over the period 2007 to 2013, the Q. Yes, the financial consultants report. Now 23 23 increases in Hydro's operating expenses have Grant Thornton's Report sets out Hydro's - at 24 24 been maintained at inflationary levels with Table 36 and goes on to Table 37, Hydro's 25 25 Page 118 Page 120 inflation averaging two percent annually over other costs by category. Now, I take it, Mr. 1 1 that period, while the increase in operating Henderson, that these would be all the other 2 2 3 expenses have also averaged two percent costs of Hydro, there would be nothing 3 annually." And then it shows a graph in Chart excluded from this, I take it, when you folks 4 4 5 1.13 where it's looking to put that in a 5 met with Grant Thornton for the purpose of graphic type of presentation. providing them information about your 6 6 7 Now, what we see here on the graph, based 7 finances? upon the way Hydro has presented it, is we see 8 8 MR. HENDERSON: 9 tracking sometime a little bit above inflation A. I don't know the detail of what was provided in '07/08 and then below inflation for '08/09, to Grant Thornton. If they didn't make a 10 10 comment on something being excluded, I would 11 et cetera, and then really taking off in 2013. 11 assume there is nothing excluded, but I wasn't Now, Mr. Henderson, I understand however that 12 12 this chart really doesn't explain to us the 13 13 part of that. full picture on operating expenses because 14 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 14 there's certain operating expenses that have 15 15 Q. So let's look at the categories that Grant been backed out of this chart, right? Thornton has listed that come under other 16 16 costs. We have salaries and fringe benefits. 17 MR. HENDERSON: 17 A. I'm not sure which ones. That would be a controllable cost, right? 18 18 19 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 19 MR. HENDERSON: Q. If I could refer you to footnote 26, and the A. Salaries, yes. 20 footnote reads "for comparative purposes, the 21 21 JOHNSON, Q.C.:

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expense?

25 MR. HENDERSON:

Q. And fringe benefits. System and equipment maintenance, that would be a controllable

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operating expense index excludes the effects

approved in Order No. P.U. 13('12)" but then,

this is what I'm focusing on, "the period from

of the impacts of accounting changes, as

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<sub>1</sub>		-	1	and the elements of uncontrollable and how
1 2	JOHNSON, Q.C.:		2	well each year is comparing to another. There
3		I .	3	was that comment about the change in financial
4		<b>I</b>	4	reporting. You know, all of those things come
5			5	into play here, so I don't have - I can't
6	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		6	really comment on that.
7		I .		HNSON, Q.C.:
1	MR. HENDERSON:			Q. Okay, I guess, given the position of Hydro
9			9	that from '07 to 2013, the controllable costs
10	•	I .		were kept within inflation, I wonder would you
11		1		undertake to provide the backup as to how that
12		I .		assertion was made, having regard to - how
13				that assertion was made, and what was actually
14				included in what you reported in Chart 1.13 in
15				the company's evidence?
16				R. HENDERSON:
17		I .		A. Yes.
18				HNSON, Q.C.:
19	•			Q. Thank you.
20		I .		S. GLYNN:
21		2		Q. Duly noted on the record.
22				HNSON, Q.C.:
23		2		Q. Mr. Henderson, in terms of the burden of
24	_			putting forward the evidence to demonstrate
25		2		that your costs are reasonable and
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1	MR. HENDERSON:		1	appropriate, I take it you understand that
2	,		2	Hydro over the period of 2008 onward didn't
3	1 8 1	I .	3	set any targets in terms of KPIs that are
4		<b>I</b>	4	reported as regards financial performance, is
5	1		5	that correct?
6				R. HENDERSON:
1	JOHNSON, Q.C.:			A. I'm not sure - I'll say what I understand, I
8	8		8	think, in terms of KPI targets, is that the
9	*		9	targets that you're referring to are the ones
10	* * *	2 10		which are the OM & Acosts per, I'll say,
11		1		installed generation, energy sold, there's a
12				number of different KPIs that are part of the
13	e	I .		annual report that we give to the Board on KPI
14				performance, and the targets at those levels
15	1 6 6			requires the running of a cost to service, so
16	•			you'd have to take your annual budget number
17		2010		and project out, take that and run it through
18	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	<b>I</b>		a cost to service model in order to determine
19				the right amount of money to allocate to each
20		20		one of those factors, the amount to allocate
21	controllable costs were actually tracking	2	1	to generation, the amount to allocate to the

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other elements of that, to be able to do your

establish what the target is. The target that

numerator over denominator calculation to

we operate to is our O & M budget, and so

inflation because these figures are well above

A. I take your point. I just don't know the math

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inflation?

24 MR. HENDERSON:

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1 those matrix that would be reported to the		what may have transpired or what
2 Board are useful for identifying trends, but		communications may have been had with respect
they aren't numbers that we use to operate or		to the change and that we weren't reporting
4 control the company and exercise our control.		the targets, but I understand that those
5 Our focus is on these items you have here,		targets are calculated, the way it's been
6 which are the controllable operating costs.		explained to me, through operation - you have
7 The other ones are useful for trending and		to run a cost to service in order to allocate
8 they are useful for comparator to other		the budget components out, but the target or
9 companies that have similar type of		what we operate to is our operating budget,
facilities, but establishing target that we		which we do provide to the Board in our
operate to, it's really a fallout of really		quarterly reports.
the budgeting and our budget number.		ISON, Q.C.:
13 (12:15 p.m.)		Could we bring up NP-NLH-93. This question
14 JOHNSON, Q.C.:		was asked, "For each financial performance
15 Q. But to come back to the point now in terms of		indicator reported annually to the Board as
this demonstration of cost control and the		provided in Exhibit 2 Appendix E", etc,
	17	"please include Hydro's target for the years
		2007 to 2012. In addition, please add these
_		values to each graph", and the question goes
there were no financial performance targets filed from 2008 on, right?		on, and Hydro's answer is, "Please see the
21 MR. HENDERSON:		table below for the 2007 targets. Hydro did
		not set targets for 2008 to 2012 for the
A. Meeting that format. Our quarterly reports would show the budget, and how our O & M has		_
1		performance indicators reported annually to
varied from budget, so that's there for the Board to observe. At the end of the year,		the Board as provided in Exhibit 2". So all I'm getting at is that Hydro never filed these
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once all of the costs are in, you can do a		targets with the Board from 2008 on, right?
2 cost of service model to run to come up with		HENDERSON:
3 these costs broken out by the different		Yes.
4 categories to be able to demonstrate to the		ISON, Q.C.:
5 Board the costs per generating asset, you	-	Okay. Now can I turn you to CA-233. In this
6 know, kilowatt hours - I'm sorry, maybe		question, I refer to your position of Vice
7 kilowatt hours delivered or megawatts		President, and cited how the role requires you
8 installed, those types of things.		to provide leadership through NLH, to maintain
9 JOHNSON, Q.C.:		a high cost controlled environment, to
10 Q. I know you filed evidence that's there to be		optimize cost for delivery of electricity
observed or read, but the fact of the matter		related services to customers, and then I
is, is that Hydro filed no financial		asked, "Please describe in detail how Hydro
performance targets from '08 on. I thought		measures whether it is achieving and
that there was an agreement on that point.		maintaining a high cost controlled
15 MR. HENDERSON:		environment, and as part of the reply, please
16 A. I can't speak to what agreement or what		specifically identify what targets Hydro has
17 discussions may have had -		set for itself to control costs over the past
18 JOHNSON, Q.C.:		five years, and how Hydro's performance
19 Q. I mean, I'm referring to as between me and		compares". Now Mr. Henderson, again in this
you. I thought there would have been		response, even when I asked about targets for
agreement that Hydro, in fact, filed no		yourselves on controlling costs, I was not
financial performance targets with the Board		told about any targets per se, isn't that
23 from '08 on.		right?
24 MR. HENDERSON:		HENDERSON:
25 A. I'm sorry, I can't speak to - I'm not sure	25 A.	I'm just going to read the response here.

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1 JOHNSON, Q.C.:	1 JOHNSON, Q.C.:
2 Q. Yes, that's fine.	2 Q. But, I guess, it's not setting a target in
3 MR. HENDERSON:	3 terms of what the budget level is set at from
4 A. Can you continue to scroll, Jenny, please.	4 year to year, so in terms of trying to set a
5 Continue down. Okay, sorry, can you repeat	5 budget that's representative of inflation,
6 your question?	6 there's no target for something like that?
7 JOHNSON, Q.C.:	7 MR. HENDERSON:
8 Q. Yes. So when asked this question, you were	8 A. The target per se is the O & M budget for that
9 not able to come back and respond with any	9 year, which is established through out budget
targets that you had actually established as	10 process.
regards the control of costs over any of the	11 JOHNSON, Q.C.:
past five years. That's right, correct?	12 Q. So if the budget is 100 million in one year
13 MR. HENDERSON:	and it's 120 million the following year, I
14 A. We have budget targets that we have - that we	mean, what you're tracking is measuring to the
would have had for each and every one of those	budget for that particular year, aren't you?
16 years.	16 MR. HENDERSON:
17 JOHNSON, Q.C.:	17 A. That's correct.
Q. Okay, we'll talk about those in a second. Let	18 JOHNSON, Q.C.:
me bring your attention to Page 2 of 2, lines	19 Q. Okay, yeah. Now do you - would you agree with
1 to 3, where it indicates, "In 2013, Hydro	me, Mr. Henderson, that it is important for
21 established additional financial matrix	21 Hydro to identify efficiency initiatives
regarding capital operating cost, cash flow,	within its organization, given its mandate for
and earnings that measure budget against	least cost reliable power?
24 actual results". Do I take it that it wasn't	24 MR. HENDERSON:
until 2013 that these additional financial	25 A. I would agree. I would agree that that's -
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1 matrix became incorporated into Hydro?	any operation should be doing that.
2 MR. HENDERSON:	2 JOHNSON, Q.C.:
3 A. The operating costs have always been part of	3 Q. And can you explain how Hydro identifies
4 our matrix in terms of measuring how we	4 efficiency initiatives within its
5 perform. The other items that are there are	5 organization?
6 other items that we discuss at the leadership	6 MR. HENDERSON:
team that were, I guess, from this introduced	7 A. What we do is through again the budgeting
8 in 2013, or I wasn't part of it at that time,	8 process, through our planning process in which
9 I wasn't aware that that was an addition, but	9 we develop our five year strategic plan as a
I accept the wording here that it was	key input, we look at that to identify
additional measures. I would expect that we	initiatives that we could undertake to make us
were monitoring those, in any event, but we	more efficient. So through that strategic
did have at the leadership team, once I became	planning process, we would be looking at what
part of the executive team, these items were	we will be doing in terms of improvements on a
there and talked about each month with respect	continuous improvement basis, and then through
to the capital, the operating cost, the cash	the budgeting process, we would establish that
flow, and the net income.	as well with monitoring what goes forward in
18 JOHNSON, Q.C.:	the budget in trying to keep costs within
19 Q. Now the concept of measuring budget against	inflationary pressures, to try to stay within
20 actual results, this is the tracking exercise,	what is expected inflation, and that's done
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-	21 through the budgeting process. So through
I take it, that you described with Mr. O'Brien	through the budgeting process. So through that you drive actions to try to bring out
I take it, that you described with Mr. O'Brien in terms of seeing how you're doing compared	that, you drive actions to try to bring out
I take it, that you described with Mr. O'Brien in terms of seeing how you're doing compared to budget.	that, you drive actions to try to bring out efficiencies.
I take it, that you described with Mr. O'Brien in terms of seeing how you're doing compared	that, you drive actions to try to bring out

Page 133 Page 135 made, I mean, a directed effort to identify those as efficiently as we can. 1 2 efficiencies, or as Mr. O'Brien put it, to try 2 JOHNSON, O.C.: to do more with less? I mean, a directed Q. Well, as part of seeking to manage them as 3 effort to identify such efficiencies within efficiently as you can, can you explain why a 4 4 Hydro? Are you aware of any such directed directed effort has not been made? I mean, we 5 5 6 effort? talked about organizational excellence and, 6 7 MR. HENDERSON: you know, high cost controlled environment. 7 Can you explain why a directed effort has not 8 A. In terms of directed efforts, what we would be 8 been given, given the importance of doing is through that budgeting process, 10 through our work execution, looking at our 10 identifying efficiency initiatives? long term asset plans, is looking for least 11 11 MR. HENDERSON: cost solutions to everything that we do. So 12 12 A. Well, we have done a number of things over the that would be part of looking at each capital 13 years to look for those types of things, and 13 proposal, any efficiency gains would be sought we continue to look for those initiatives. To 14 14 through that, so it's through a number of 15 establish, I'll say, a separate initiative to 15 16 different avenues. There isn't a one 16 pull people out of their jobs and go at that, subscribed "this is an efficiency improvement we've opted not to do it that way, we do it 17 17 program", it's expected each and every manager through each manager who's expected to do that 18 18 is working to establish their work to be done in their own work environment to ensure that 19 19 in the most efficient manner. That challenge they're doing it as efficiently as possible. 20 20 occurs through the strategic planning process, We, as I said, work planning and scheduling 21 21 it occurs through the budgeting process, to was one area that we felt from an operations 22 22 ensure that those types of things are done. 23 standpoint we can make improvements and are 23 One area that we've been focusing on, in embarking on that as a critical piece to do 24 24 particular, and I think I may have spoken to our work execution in terms of our asset 25 25 Page 134 Page 136 Mr. O'Brien about that, is the work scheduling management and maintenance more efficiently. 1 1 2 and planning area where we feel that there is 2 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 3 gains to be made there that we're setting out Q. So you indicated that you opted not to go the 3 objectives there to improve the amount of work route of a directed effort. When was that 4 4 5 that we complete in terms of work execution, decided upon? which is all around asset management and 6 6 MR. HENDERSON: 7 maintenance to get more done, and to schedule 7 A. Well, I say that and it's somewhat - I'll say, it efficiently so that the cost to that annual it's by default, that we didn't do it. I 8 8 maintenance work is at the least cost. 9 mean, the way we are doing it and looking after our facilities, as I said, is through 10 JOHNSON, O.C.: 10 challenges to each of our managers to stay 11 Q. But, I guess, it's - what you've explained to 11 us in terms of what you do is not part of a within inflation with their operating budgets. 12 12 directed effort, and, I guess, you would agree 13 13 JOHNSON, Q.C.: that what you've done and what you've Q. If I could ask you to go to 229. 14 14 described has led to a circumstance where 15 15 MS. GRAY: costs have outstripped inflation by about 30 Q. Sorry, PUB-229, Mr. Johnson? 16 odd percent, right? 17 17 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 18 MR. HENDERSON: Q. Yes, Page 7 of 19. These are the general 18 19 A. There's a number of things that are happening 19 managers and managers who report to you, and I within the company related to the condition of don't have to read them, they're there on the 20 20 our facilities, the aging of our assets, our screen. Is any of your managers specifically 21 21 capital investment program, the environment in tasked in their job description with cost 22 22 which we work, our employees work, all of control? Is there a go to manager on, you 23 23

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know, the cost controls within your

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those items are putting upward cost pressure

certainly to Hydro, and that we seek to manage

Page 137 Page 139 1 (12:30 p.m.) 1 MR. HENDERSON: 2 MR. HENDERSON: A. I can't give you the detail of how that was assembled. I can only speculate, but it would A. The cost controls, there are - in terms of 3 cost controls and cost management, each have been the results of the - in each of 4 4 manager has a responsibility, they have a these areas, the responsible managers 5 5 budget that they have to manage. They have indicating the things that they had done, I 6 6 7 people in their groups - I think in almost would expect is what is there. 7 every case there is a financial person that 8 8 JOHNSON, Q.C.: works alongside with them to help manage their Q. Okay, so you suspect going about asking can 10 budgets, help them to exercise the cost 10 you name something that we've done, would that control that they need by providing them 11 be accurate? 11 reports and data on how things are going 12 12 MR. HENDERSON: 13 relative to the budget, how they are managing A. I would say that to provide a list of what you their expenses. have been doing in this regard that is 14 14 quantifiable to present in response to this 15 JOHNSON, O.C.: 15 16 Q. Okay, so let us turn then to the efficiency 16 RFI. initiatives that Hydro has identified. Let me 17 17 JOHNSON, Q.C.: just turn you to NP-NLH-057, Revision 1. This Q. Okay, and I guess, if you ask the same 18 18 question asked, "Other than the sharing of question of your people, they'd have to go 19 19 services, please identify the efficiency through the same process, wouldn't they, 20 20 initiatives and management's estimate of cost they'd have to - you wouldn't have your 21 21 savings reflected in the 2013 test year", and fingertips on a list of efficiencies that are 22 22 of course, this has been updated, being pursued and worked upon? 23 23 "attributable to these initiatives", and the 24 MR. HENDERSON: 24 answer says, "Please note that the reference A. What I would have is what I've already said, 25 Page 138 Page 140 and the question, introduction evidence now is that there's particular initiatives that we 1 1 2 refers to another section", that's fine, and 2 put into our work plan that I would expect 3 then it goes on at line 10, "Please refer to that people are working those, and indicating 3 NP-098 for description of initiatives how they are making out on their annual work 4 4 affecting the level of the rural deficit", and 5 5 plan with respect to the things that are in you say, "In addition", or Hydro says, "In our corporate strategic plan, but in terms of 6 6 7 addition to those initiatives, the following 7 specifics, costs, these particular types of have resulted in cost savings reflected in items that you're suggesting, there isn't an 8 8 9 2014 and 2015. The savings are listed below, ongoing list that is constantly being 9 with estimates of the annual savings". So the presented to me. 10 10 11 first one we'll talk about is the heading of 11 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 12 "Asset Maintenance Practice Changes". Do you Q. So let's look at the initiatives and the 12 savings. Under "Asset Maintenance Practice 13 see that? 13 Changes", there's reference to something in 14 MR. HENDERSON: 14 A. Yes. 2009, the Holyrood boiler overhaul approach 15 16 JOHNSON, O.C.: was reviewed resulting in the concept of a 16 17 Q. Okay, and it goes on, and we'll discuss a few 17 minor overhaul on one of the three units and a others because there's asset management standard overhaul on the other two, resulting 18 18 19 practice changes, work execution practices, 19 in maintenance savings of one overhaul on each human resource cost savings, Mr. Henderson, do unit every three years for an estimated annual 20 20 savings of \$100,000.00. So do you know how 21 you know when this question was asked, how 21 Hydro went about assembling the information to that review came about, Mr. Henderson, that 22 22 answer this question in terms of tell us what led to that saving? 23 23 the initiatives were and what the cost savings 24 24 MR. HENDERSON: 25 were? 25 A. I was not in this position in 2009, so I can't

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1	give you the - but what we did do, I know, is	1	1 JOHNSON, Q.C.:
2	we did an asset maintenance review over that	2	2 Q. But nothing per se directed, right?
3	period of time. I expect it may have come out	3	3 MR. HENDERSON:
4	of that, which was we were looking at all of	4	4 A. So a directive, these types of reviews, like
5	our maintenance tactics that we were applying	5	we did the asset management review, each and
6	in all of our facilities, we had a dedicated	6	6 every one of these activities that the
7	team, I'll say, pulled out of their regular	7	7 managers take over time is directed at looking
8	job to look at asset maintenance and the	8	for savings, but there isn't a, you know, I'm
9	tactics we were doing to ensure that we were	9	9 taking what you're saying is that we should
10	doing the appropriate tactics to ensure high	10	o establish a team of people to go out and find
11	availability and reliability of our assets,	11	efficiencies. Well what we do is we expect
12	and identifying any that would be ones that we	12	the managers to do that, that's part of their
13	can shift and maybe not do as frequently as we	13	3 job.
14	were doing. So that was an initiative to get	14	4 JOHNSON, Q.C.:
15	our asset maintenance program to a point that	15	5 Q. Let's turn to Work Execution Practices and
16	was consistent with what we would have been	16	6 this one, you speak about in the maintenance
17	advised from the original equipment	17	of hydraulic generation assets a great focus
18	manufacturers, as well as a review of what	18	being placed on work packaging, on work, to
19	other utilities are doing. So at that time,	19	9 optimize costs through better up-front
20	there would have been a considerable effort	20	planning and you give an example about when a
21	made in looking at all of the manner in which	21	crew is sent to Cat Arm, a full package of
22	we do our maintenance, and making sure that	22	work is planned to take full advantage of the
23	the right tactics were there, and that would	23	accommodations and cooking services and travel
24	have been what we used them on a go forward	24	costs, the practice with respect to cooking on
25	basis in terms of our maintenance, and I	25	site is to provide a cook when there are at
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1	suspect, although as I said, I wasn't in the	1	
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2 of an explanation on that, and I guess the

upshot of that is manual savings of \$22,000, 3

right? 4

5 MR. HENDERSON:

23 MR. HENDERSON:

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A. That's correct.

7 JOHNSON, Q.C.:

Q. And then there's reference to some travel 8 savings, an estimate annual savings of \$40,000 9 teleconferencing by using 10 11 videoconferencing when possible and a third demonstration of where savings had been made 12 13 is making more use of contractors for road 14 maintenance and the estimated annual savings are \$5,000. Now again, you know, these seem 15 to be, in an organization the size of Hydro 16 17 with that number of employees, and we're talking about, you know work execution 18 19 practices, Mr. Henderson, it seems to be an awfully small amount of measures identified 20 with attendant small savings, would you care 21 22 to comment on that? I just put it to you.

A. So these are the ones that people are able to

specifically quantify that could be a dollar

11 reliable operation of our equipment.

8 MR. HENDERSON:

4 JOHNSON, Q.C.:

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12 JOHNSON, O.C.: 13 Q. Yes. So as you sit there today, would you agree with me that there may well be other 14 savings that could arise from a broader review 15 of asset maintenance practices which would 16 17 have a focus on better ways of carrying out 18 the work, smarter ways, et cetera?

position to be able to talk specifics, but I

suspect that that's the result of that review.

Q. But it wasn't a review in any way targeted at

A. It was to make sure that we were doing the

right maintenance at the right time to ensure

effective arrangement?

trying to do asset maintenance in a more cost

19 MR. HENDERSON: 20 A. Well this is something that we are continuously doing and that's always part of 21 22 each manager's responsibility is to be looking for those more efficient and effective ways to 23 24 do it, so that there is that continual opportunity at all times. 25

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1	value, I would say that it's part of	1	impro	
2	everybody's daily job is to look at the way	2	JOHNSON,	
3	that we're doing work, to look formake sure	3	Q. So yo	u say you've gone to the Department of
4	that we're doing it as efficiently and	4		in Resources, have they provided you any
5	effectively and that is also reflective of the	5		s or analysis on how you could go about
6	growing requirement for work on our assets	6	havin	g more efficient work practices?
7	which are aging. The requirement for	7	MR. HENDE	ERSON:
8	additional capital to invest, all of those	8	A. They	would help facilitate discussions and
9	things are happening. We're looking at the	9	lookii	ng at options, but in terms of reports,
10	manner in which we execute projects to be most	10	no.	
11	effective and efficient in the way we execute	11	JOHNSON,	Q.C.:
12	projects. We do ongoing reviews of our manner	12	Q. So wl	nat does it mean when you say they "help
13	in which we do our maintenance and I talked	13	facilit	ate discussions"?
14	about the scheduling as one area that we have	14	MR. HENDE	ERSON:
15	been specific and there's other small areas	15	A. So th	ey would put forwardwork with our
16	that would have general application, but	16	mana	gers to look at are there ways that we
17	doesn't necessarily would be identifying a	17	could	, just exploring ideas, suggesting ideas
18	full dollar amount as specific as these	18	of thi	ngs that could be looked at in terms of
19	examples are here.	19	impro	wing organization within that particular
20 JOI	HNSON, Q.C.:	20	depar	tment.
21	Q. Have you thought about engaging any outside	21	JOHNSON, 0	Q.C.:
22	help or even the help within the Department of	22	Q. Well	you've got two managers there with you,
23	HROE on trying to identify more efficient work	23		either of you gentlemen had occasion to,
24	execution practices? Because the problem I	24	-	now, seek out HROE and if so, can you
25	have, I'll tell you, is that when you say	25	tell us	s specifically what it has been on, in
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1	"everybody is looking at this", I worry about,	1	terms	of work execution practices?
2	you know, is there a go-to accountable spot	2	MR. MOORI	∃:
3	that we can say, look, here's the person who	3	A. I can	go first. I know myself, like when we
4	is in charge of this?	4	were	putting together our, I guess the 2014
5 (12	::45 pm.)	5	and 2	015 test year that's put forward in this
6 MR	. HENDERSON:	6	applic	cation, we, through TRO, I guess, we met
7 .	A. Well, I am in charge of Hydro and when I meet	7	with o	our HROE group in 2013 to have a real
8	and talk to people withinpeople who report	8	good	look at, I guess the spread of resources
9	to me, this is part of that ongoing challenge	9	across	s TRO and their geographic location and
10	to them. We do engage HROE to look at	10	the pa	rticular skillsets that are involved,
11	organization, how we've organized our work to	11	you k	now, dedicated to the different assets
12	see if there's more effective ways to do it,	12	through	ghout TRO, and then we looked at our
13	those types of things are part of ongoing day	13	2014/	15 annual work plan requirements to
14	and day out type of activities. I know	14	ensur	e, as Rob indicated earlier, that moving
15	specifically with respect to transmission and	15	forwa	rd 100 percent completion of our critical
16	rural operations area, Darren and I have	16	annua	ll work plan work each year is going to be

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achieved. So in that regard, with assistance

a skillset as, say an employee retires, to be

maintenance, such that what we're putting

resource requirements to complete our annual

focused on a different area of asset

forward in 2014/15 in the test year for

from our HROE team, we were able to look at

what was in place in 2013 and where we might

need to make changes or additions or change of

talked about how we can be more efficient and

effective in the way we do things there and

he's looked at his organization, he's worked

with HROE to see what changes they might

effect there. These things are happening on a

discussions when we have those each year and

regular basis as part of the ongoing budget

they are also, as we identify things during

the year, we look for opportunities to

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1		1		second one, the introduction of four ten-hour
2		2		shifts in the maintenance of the hydraulic
3	get ready for 2014 and '15 test year	3		generation fleet, reducing hotel travel and
4		4		vehicle usage, but again, a very modest
5	JOHNSON, Q.C.:	5		savings of 35,000 per year. So that's the sum
6	Q. So do either of you gentlemen have any	6		total of the resource cost savings that you've
7	experience or training in relation to, you	7		been able to identify?
8	know, the deployment of workforce in an	8	MR.	HENDERSON:
9	efficient manner or anything like that, or are	9	A	. These are the ones that we have been able to,
10	youjust if you could shed some light on that	10		I'll say enumerate in the manner requested.
11	for us.	11	JOH	NSON, Q.C.:
12	MR. HENDERSON:	12	Q	. Okay. Can you be confident, Mr. Henderson,
13	A. I'm not sure what you mean in terms of	13		and I don't want to harp on it, but can you be
14	specific training.	14		confident that there would not be other
15	JOHNSON, Q.C.:	15		savings realizable in Human Resource cost
16	Q. Well in terms of, you know, organizational	16		savings or workarise from work management if
17	effectiveness or any of these type of	17		there was not a directed effort given to these
18	skillsets?	18		areas and perhaps with some external help, if
19	MR. HENDERSON:	19		necessary, but at least a directed effort?
20	A. Well I can say that we've all received	20	MR.	HENDERSON:
21		21	A	. What I say is that we arethat's a constant
22		22		focus, it's a constant question as to looking
23		23		at those, so people are challenged on that.
24		24		We have a growing work requirement because of
25	again to the strategic planning process and	25		aging assets. We have a growing capital
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1	how you would use that to mix drive out	1		program which requires additional resources
2	throughout your whole organization, full	2		and focus. We have growing customer demand
3	alignment by all of your staff to be meeting	3		that's driving us to have additional equipment
4	your objectives that you've set out each year,	4		and people required to operate those. When we
5	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	5		have those types of things, we make sure that
6	effective organization that is focused on what	6		we look and benchmark what we're doing there,
7	the company is trying to achieve.	7		to what we put in place for those is an
8	JOHNSON, Q.C.:	8		effective way of operating those facilities,
9	•	9		so you know, I'm repeating myself, but that's
10	6	10		the mandate that we have. To say that there's
11	•	11		anything by doing what you said, I'll say that
12	11 11 6	12		there's always opportunity, I can never say
13	**	13		that there isn't opportunity, there's always
14	1 0	14		opportunity to find additional savings and
15	e · · · · · ·	15		that's the challenge that we have, to be
16	1 0	16		constantly on the look out and working with
17	<u>c</u>	17		other utilities and organizations to see how
18	g ·	18		we can achieve savings.
19				NSON, Q.C.:
20		20	Q.	. And just before leaving this RFI, I note there
- 1	MR. HENDERSON:	21		was a couple of more not to proceed without
22	A. That's what it is, yes.	22		bringing attention to them, finally on page 3

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there was some initiatives to reduce energy

paragraph pertaining to energy conversion

use in Hydro facilities and as well, a

Q. And the other one that would more, in terms of

tied to a change or an initiative would be the

23 JOHNSON, Q.C.:

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1 efficiency improvements, et cetera. Now, l	-	l y	ou know whether Hydro is efficient in its
2 Henderson, do you know whether Hydro h		-	peration?
3 labour productivity?	-		NDERSON:
4 MR. HENDERSON:	4	4 A. I	would say to you that we have a growing work
5 A. I'll say that we are working to always impr	rove 5		oad and we are focused on getting the right
6 labour productivity and this goes to the wo	ork 6	ó w	ork done and spending the time on the right
7 planning and scheduling and there are, I'l	1 7	7 р	laces that we are efficient and improving the
8 say in terms of doing the work that we pla	an 8	8 e	ffectiveness and efficiency in a way that we
9 and schedule to do each week is monitored	d by 9	) a	re doing that and we are, so there's always
the work executive managers to ensure th	nat 10	) ro	oom for continual improvement, but I'd say we
there is effective utilization of that. I	11	aı	re improving efficiency year over year.
don't have a boiled up measure in terms of	of 12	2 JOHNSO	DN, Q.C.:
thespecifically, as you said, it's like a	13	9 Q. S	o again, I guess I go back to a similar
14 KPI that says dollars per employee per hou	ır   14	l fo	ollow up then, you know, you're looking to
worked or something like that, if that's what	at   15	5 ir	nprove efficiency and again, I get that, but
you're referring to.	16	5 as	s you sit here, are you able to say yes, I
17 JOHNSON, Q.C.:	17		now Hydro, the company I am running, Hydro is
18 Q. Well, I was trying to get your sense of	18	e e	fficient?
19 whether you believe Hydro had good lab	our 19	MR. HE	NDERSON:
20 productivity and you told me that, you kno	ow, 20	) A. V	What I can say to you is that we are, in terms
we're always on the look out to try to impr	rove 21	0	f cost control and management, we are doing
it, and I get that, I understand that, but do	22	2 th	nat effectively and are working to continuing
you feel you've got good labour productivi	ity? 23	3 to	improve on that, but we are effective in
24 MR. HENDERSON:	24	l th	ne way that we are doing our work.
25 A. Since I've been in this role, I have not done	e 25	JOHNSO	DN, Q.C.:
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any benchmarking to benchmark our,	_	o. N	Ar. Henderson, do you believe, as the Board
2 in that regard for our workforce.			tated and this was a quote put to Mr. Martin
3 JOHNSON, Q.C.:	3		when he was on the stand, that the Board
4 Q. And you're aware that some benchma	arking is 4	ı p	reviously stated, as you're probably aware,
5 available, I take it?	5	_	nat there was an onus on Hydro in there GRA
6 MR. HENDERSON:	6		nd they said that in their 2001 GRA order,
7 A. I'm not sure what's there but I expect	that 7		ney said that there was an onus on Hydro in
there are some things out there that we	I	3 th	ne GRA to bring forward performance measures
9 be looking at.	9	) W	which "clearly demonstrate the efficiency of
10 JOHNSON, Q.C.:	10		s operations". You're familiar when that
11 Q. It's not something that you've inquired	l into,	W	vas discussed with Mr. Martin and the Board's
12 I take it?	12	2 q	uote in that regard?
13 MR. HENDERSON:	13	MR. HE	ENDERSON:
14 A. Not recently, no.	14	4 A. I	am.
15 JOHNSON, Q.C.:	15	JOHNS	ON, Q.C.:
16 Q. When you say "not recently" -	16	6 Q. Y	You are?
17 MR. HENDERSON:	17	MR. HE	ENDERSON:
18 A. What I say, while I've been in this pos	sition 18	8 A. I	recall that.
for two years I have not embarked on	I	JOHNS	ON, Q.C.:
conversation to get that kind ofsee w			and so therefore, given that onus and given
21 available and what we might implemen			hatthat burden of proof, a clear
22 JOHNSON, Q.C.:	22		emonstration of the efficiency of the
23 Q. Okay. And I guess a similar question			perations with performance measures, can you
24 question was about labour productivity			oint us specifically to the performance
25 guess I'll ask you the question flat out:		_	page that Undra is relying upon to

measures that Hydro is relying upon to

guess I'll ask you the question flat out: do

Page 157 Page 159 demonstrate the efficiency of its operations? the budget guidelines from 2013, they did not 1 provide any guidance as regard the escalation 2 MR. HENDERSON: 2 over the previous years' forecast, correct? A. So the performance measures are management to 3 3 our budget, the performance of our--it's the Do you recall that? 4 4 reliability that we are demonstrating. I 5 MR. HENDERSON: 5 would suggest that the overall matrix that A. I remember that there was a reference to it, 6 6 7 were put forward in the KPI, the report that but I think there was no number there. 7 we talked about earlier, we talked about 8 8 JOHNSON, O.C.: targets on them, but those measures in Q. Yes, perhaps if we could bring up the Budget 10 particular can be referenced to compare Hydro 10 Guideline, I think that's undertaking or to other similar utilities on those dollar per that's undertaking 4, I do believe. And it's 11 11 installed kilowatt or dollar per kilowatt hour on the screen now, but I guess, Mr. Henderson, 12 12 can you confirm--what my understand was was 13 delivered and they are available. 13 that there was no escalation guidance in 2013. 14 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 14 It may be necessary to scroll down at your Q. So you've talked about, you would look to your 15 15 16 ability to manage, to your budget that would 16 will. be part of the demonstration of the efficiency 17 17 MR. HENDERSON: of your operations? 18 18 A. I'll take your word that it's not there, I 19 MR. HENDERSON: assume that you have reviewed it carefully to 19 A. It's that in the context of inflation and how look for it. 20 20 we are doing with regard to that, in 21 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 21 22 comparison to inflation and that's why we put 22 Q. Yes, and so this document, who would this forward the charts that we did is to assist in document have gone to within Hydro? 23 23 demonstrating the cost and how they're varying 24 with respect to inflation and certainly that's A. At that particular time I would have expected 25 Page 158 Page 160 that it went to the CFO. It would have also part of the measure. 1 1 2 (1:00 p.m.) 2 gone to the controller for Hydro who is looking after financial aspects of Hydro. It 3 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 3 would have also gone, I expect, to Mr. Haynes Q. So the use of inflation and where you are 4 5 relative to inflation, that should be an 5 who is my predecessor and Mr. Martin may have indicator of how efficient you're being? been involved as well, but I wouldn't know for 6 6 7 MR. HENDERSON: 7 sure. A. That can be, it's part of a measure to show 8 JOHNSON, O.C.: 8 9 that. The thing that you have to also take Q. And from there does it go down the line to the into consideration is change in circumstances, managers who are out there across the province 10 10 11 that the company is in a situation where we do 11 and at the Hydro building, et cetera, when have aging infrastructure that requires they are developing their budgets, this type 12 12 additional attention from a maintenance 13 13 of guidance? perspective. There's a growing capital 14 MR. HENDERSON: 14 program, there's also growing customer 15 A. It does. requirements, all of those are variables that 16 16 JOHNSON, O.C.: do not necessarily track inflation and they 17 17 Q. It does, yeah. So 2014 was the first year for can drive costs to a different place than guidance on escalation that you're aware of, 18 18 19 inflation. So it's not, you can't look at is that right? 19 inflation in isolation. 20 MR. HENDERSON: 20 21 JOHNSON, Q.C.: A. It is there, yes. 22 Q. Okay, so let's look at the budget aspect then 22 JOHNSON, Q.C.: for a second and there was a fair bit of Q. And do you know how the guidance on escalation 23 23 discussion with my friend, Mr. O'Brien, with came about for the 2014 budget preparation? 24

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25 MR. HENDERSON:

you on that. You recall, Mr. Henderson, that

Multi-Page TM **September 23, 2015** NL Hydro GRA Page 161 Page 163 increase above guidance. A. That figure, I believe yesterday or maybe the day before, I guess it was yesterday, I 2 2 MR. HENDERSON: indicated that Finance would be the best one A. They would come into a meeting with me, with 3 to address the specifics on where the the Financial people as well and that's where 4 4 the, in that meeting there would be a escalation factor came from. 5 5 6 JOHNSON, O.C.: considerable amount of discussion to 6 Q. Okay. Now when the guidance is to maintain understand what's happening and people were 7 7 costs within an overall increase of, say, 2. directed to go back and make adjustments when 8 8 percent as we saw in one year or 2.2 percent the explanations were insufficient or to come 9 10 as we saw in another year, I think if we could 10 back with greater evidence if that was not go there, for instance in 2014 guidance is 11 11 sufficient to meet the standard of which we for, it indicates that all costs above 2. 12 12 had set here, which was a thorough explanation percent escalation over the August 13 2013 13 of why the costs are greater than inflation. forecast will be specifically highlighted 14 14 JOHNSON, Q.C.: during the review process. Where possible 15 15 Q. The salaries, which of course are a huge input 16 costs should be maintained. And you were 16 into your operating budgets, I guess that's by asked about this yesterday by Mr. O'Brien and and large just delivered up to you. You don't 17 17 I'd just like to understand the sense of rigor have a lot of push back on salaries, I take 18 18 that gets applied when people come to you or it? 19 19 come to their managers and their costs are in 20 MR. HENDERSON: 20 excess of this guidance, in terms of the level A. The salaries generally fall, as I'm sure Mr. 21 21 of justification they have to put forward, 22 22 Roberts and Mr. McDonald explained how the could you expand on that? salaries were determined, that they are then 23 23 24 MR. HENDERSON: presented to us, present to me, but that's 24 A. Well it presented to me--any line item that where the salaries have fallen out with 25 Page 162 Page 164 does exceed this is highlighted in their respect to the adjustments, I'll say the 1 1 2 presentation to me and we would have a 2 commitments through our labour agreements, as 3 discussion on that to understand what is the well as generally inflationary increases. And 3

in my time, it's been just that, there hasn't 4

5 been any discussion on any major adjustments

and scales. That happened before I got into 6

7 the position, so I can't comment on what kind 8 of discussion and how that was addressed at

9 that time, but in the last two years, it's

been pretty much inflationary type adjustments 10

to stay within, you know, competitive salary

offered. 12

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25 MR. HENDERSON:

13 JOHNSON, Q.C.: Q. Mr. Henderson, in terms of, you know, the 14 scrutiny of proposed expenditures in addition 15 to, you know, the inflationary figure, do the 16 managers at Hydro, are they provided with a, 17 for instance the type of information that 18 19 we've been provided with in this hearing that gives how your operation costs' growth, let's 20 say from '07 to 2014, that whole long period, 21 are they given a document like that in terms 22 of, so they got a perspective on what's been 23 happening with your controllable costs? 24

20 JOHNSON, O.C.:

to and explain.

9 JOHNSON, Q.C.:

13 MR. HENDERSON:

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21 Q. And in terms of, you know, and correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Henderson, but I wasn't left 22 with a high degree of comfort that there was a 23 lot of rigor in terms of someone being put 24 through the paces on trying to justify an 25

driver for that and necessity for it and

Q. So is it practically like just an explanation,

couple of bullet points or something?

I think yesterday you referred to maybe a

A. It could be, depending on different managers

basically gave them a template that they would

follow which would be a PowerPoint type of

presentation with bullets that they would talk

will take a different approach, but we

the same result for a lower cost.

whether it's something that is indeed required

there should be found another way to achieve

to happen or whether it's something that--

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1 A. They ea	ch have that information available to	1	is targeted to be accomplished through	cost
them.	They all have, can go into our computer	2	management initiatives." So with that,	Mr.
3 system	and be able to see all of those costs	3	Henderson, I have the question because	this
4 laid out	over time, over that time period.	4	has been characterized as, like in-buil	t
5 JOHNSON, Q.O	Z.:	5	productivity andbut I guess the question	n I
6 Q. Okay.	And I just wonder this is not something	6	would have is why should weMr. O	Brien 'Brien
7 specific	ally brought to their attention in	7	questioned you on this yesterday, but	it
8 these ar	nual meetings, this is just a source	8	occurs to me why should we not expect of	overtime
9 of infor	mation they can access?	9	to fall more in line with, say, earlier	
10 MR. HENDER	SON:	10	figures, like pre-2013 figures, given all of	of
11 A. They c	an go back and see how things have	11	the work and effort that has been taken si	
-	I. The focus is more looking at what we	12	the outages, for instance, of 2014. I mea	an,
_	achieve in the upcoming year and	13	there's been a major push on to do maint	
14 achievii	ng it, while maintaining those costs	14	practices and prevention, et cetera, whi	ch
	nflation.	15	we've heard about, and I'm wondering	g why
16 JOHNSON, Q.	Z.:	16	wouldn't we expect there to be a knock	k-on
17 Q. Now, I	understand that Hydro does not include	17	effect of that reducing overtime anyway	
	fic allowance for productivity	18	you care to comment.	
19 improve	ements in its budget, is that correct?	19	(1:15 p.m.)	
20 MR. HENDER	SON:	20	MR. HENDERSON:	
21 A. I'll say	that it's not a specific number	21	A. Well some of the things that are going	on
22 that's p	ut in there, again when there's,	22	here, you know, you have to look at t	he
23 people a	are held to get their overtime costs	23	capital side of things and the drivers of w	ork/
down or	they're held to costs that they may	24	on the capital side that's driving costs, s	0
25 have or	ginally said "I think I need more",	25	going back over time, you have to al	so
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1 they're	told, "No, do it without more" and so	1	consider the capital and how that causes	s or
2 those th	ings are put back to the managers to	2	drives overtime as well. So there is press	ure
3 find the	ose productivities, to stay within	3	on overtime in a number of different thin	ngs,
4 their bu	dgets.	4	the outages that we take are constrained	by
5 JOHNSON, Q.O	Z.:	5	customer requirements to minimize the i	mpact
6 Q. Perhaps	if I could direct your attention to	6	on the power system, to get generation be	ack up
7 NP-384 a	nd this pertains to the test year	7	quickly when there's problems, there's	s a
8 operatir	g expenses. It asks further to the	8	number of things that are putting pressur	
_	e to CA-328, please confirm that Hydro	9	those pressures are growing as your asset	ts age
10 has not	included a specific allowance for	10	and as the demand on the system grows.	So all
11 product	vity in its 2015 test year operating	11	of those things are putting pressures on the	nose
12 expense	s. And the answer goes on to say that	12	types of expenses which you run into over	ertime
13 Hydro's	budgeting methodology incorporates	13	when you have equipment with problen	ıs, you

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Hydro's budgeting methodology incorporates 13 14 productivity improvements into its base 15 budgets, but not as a specific allowance to be shown separately. And you go on to say "both 16 17 methods have the same end result". And then it's cited an example of this, as is put here, 18 19 "clearly shown in Hydro's response to CA- 328 regarding Hydro's 2015 budget for overtime", 20 21 and it goes on to state "as stated overtime 22 costs in 2013 were 12.3 million and in 23 test year were 12.2 but Hydro's test year 24 budget for overtime is 10.1 million with 2. 25 million reduction overtime estimated for 2015

when you have equipment with problems, you also run into overtime when you're trying to complete capital jobs within tight timelines to have minimum impact on customers. So it's all within that environment, that's a growing requirement, that we are constraining and establishing that the overtime will be at a lower level going forward and in 2015. 21 JOHNSON, Q.C.: Q. But I guess in addition to the work that's been done since January 2014 events, et cetera, we also have the situation where Hydro's FTE count is increasing in both 2014

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1	and 2015, correct?	1	planning and scheduling group. There's also
2 MR.	HENDERSON:	2	moving some of the - I'll say, in terms of
3 A	That's right.	3	redeployment, it's getting the additional
4 ЈОН	NSON, Q.C.:	4	resources in certain key areas, for instance,
5 Q	Right, so relative to 2013, I understand that	5	on the Avalon Peninsula in our transmission
6	in engineering and operations the plan was to	6	rural operations areas where we would be
7	add 45 more FTEs, is that a figure you're	7	putting additional focus and staff. There's
8	familiar with?	8	some other areas where we were experiencing
9 MR.	HENDERSON:	9	significant cost and scheduling overtime
10 A	. It's in that ballpark, yes.	10	issues that we were putting in additional
11 JOH	NSON, Q.C.:	11	resources where there was customer demand
12 Q	Yeah, and then again relative to 2013, you	12	growth that was driving things into the
13	were looking at adding 67 more in 2015. That's	13	Labrador area. Then the other areas would be,
14	just for the record. I think that's borne out	14	like, at the Holyrood facility, we brought
15	in NP-395.	15	forth more - we had basically an increase in
16 MR.	HENDERSON:	16	electrical maintenance, instrumentation, and
17 A	. Okay.	17	mechanical maintenance to address some of the
18 JOH	NSON, Q.C.:	18	growing corrective maintenance requirements
19 Q	Okay, and I guess, Mr. Henderson, you know,	19	that are becoming evident in the Holyrood
20	and even though there's some vacancies that	20	plant as we are using it more and it's also
21	are getting worked out, still you're going to	21	aging at the same time. So those are the
22	be filling - the end result is you're going to	22	types of things that we've done from an
23	have more people working at Hydro for Hydro in	23	operations standpoint in order to get these
24	2014 and 2015 than you did back in 2012, 2013?	24	savings in overtime and to improve completion
25 MR.	HENDERSON:	25	of work.
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1 A	Yes.		NSON, Q.C.:

2 JOHNSON, Q.C.:

- Q. And I'm trying to understand, you know, why Hydro seems to be taking a productivity credit
- 4 5 for overtime because I would have thought that
- you'd expect to see overtime come down, you're 6
- 7 adding people?
- 8 MR. HENDERSON:
- A. Well, we are, and that is getting more
- efficient and effective by doing the work with 10 11 those additional resources and reducing
- 12 overtime.
- 13 JOHNSON, Q.C.:
- 14 Q. The reply to the RFI that is still up on the
- 15 screen speaks in terms of a 2 million dollar
- reduction in overtime that's targeted, is to 16
- 17 be accomplished to constant management
- initiatives; namely, redeployment of staff and 18
- 19 recruitment initiatives, and could you be more
- specific as to the redeployment of staff 20
- you're referring to and the recruitment 21
- 22 initiatives that's producing
- productivity? 23
- 24 MR. HENDERSON:
- A. Well, it's the greater emphasis in our work

- Q. And this RFI that we've been discussing points 2
- 3 to productivity in connection with overtime.
- Where else is Hydro claiming that productivity 4
- 5 improvement has been built into the base
- budget? 6
- 7 MR. HENDERSON:
- A. Well, it would be by holding the line to
- inflation in certain areas. 9
- 10 JOHNSON, O.C.:
- 11 Q. What areas would those be?
- 12 MR. HENDERSON:

- 13 A. Well, it would be those areas - I'll say it
  - generally in terms of our system equipment and
- maintenance cost, and holding that in a number 15
- of different areas to inflation. 16
- 17 JOHNSON, Q.C.:
- 18 Q. If you could turn to again Page 61 of the
- Grant Thornton Report, Table 37, which talks 19
- about, amongst other things, system equipment 20
- and maintenance costs from actuals 2013 right 21
- over to forecast 2015. Could you explain 22
- where the productivity is built into system 23
- 24 equipment and maintenance in these numbers,
- just tell me what your thought process is on 25
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Page 173 Page 175 that? don't think I can conclude it within the next 1 2 MR. HENDERSON: 2 few minutes, so I'm in your hands as to whether we want to push on, anyway, or -A. Well, first of all, you're looking at a high 3 3 level, corporate level, system equipment and 4 CHAIRMAN: 4 maintenance. The drivers for increasing Q. I don't think I'm going to insist that you go 5 system equipment and maintenance, and in on. We're adjourned. 6 particular in 2015, is we have a combustion 7 (UPON CONCLUDING AT 1:26 P.M.) 7 turbine which requires additional cost and 8 maintenance that was not there in prior years. 9 10 So that's an element there of that increase. So when you break out and look at other areas, 11 you would see that there are areas where those 12 13 controls or the limitation is there, but you have to look at this in here in terms of the 14 fact that we did purchase and install a 15 16 combustion turbine which requires its maintenance that you have to do. Also 17 affecting the system equipment and maintenance 18 is the acquisition of the Labrador West 19 transmission system, which was previously 20 owned by Twin Falls Corporation, and there's 21 22 the maintenance with regard to that that's putting the cost for 2015 up relative to prior 23 years, but then if you look into different 24 areas within the company, you look at our 25 Page 174 Page 176 hydro electric generation area that is not 1 1 2 affected by that, those are areas where we're CERTIFICATE working to hold the line on those expenses. 3 3 I, Judy Moss, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true 4 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 4 and correct transcript of a hearing in the matter of Q. So you're saying that there's particular areas 5 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's General Rate 5 besides overtime where the revenue 6 Application heard on the 23rd of September, A.D., 2015 6 7 requirement, as presented on that line item, 7 before the Commissioners of the Public Utilities Board, 8 is understated, is that -8 St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador and was transcribed 9 by me to the best of my ability by means of a sound 9 MR. HENDERSON: A. What I'm saying is that it's built into this 10 that all managers are expected to hold the 11 11 Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador line with respect to general inflationary 12 12 this 23rd day of September, A.D., 2015 13 pressures that they are seeing in their costs 13 Judy Moss for their expenses with respect to system 14 equipment, and they're also to manage their 15 overtime down. So those things are built into 16 17 this. 18 JOHNSON, Q.C.: Q. And that's your interpretation of the 19 productivity allowance being built in? 20 21 MR. HENDERSON: A. Yes. 22 23 JOHNSON, Q.C.: 24 Q. Mr. Henderson, yesterday you were - this is a new topic area, Mr. Chairman, and it's - I 25

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