

1 Q. (Reference response to CA-NLH-47) With regard to establishment and use of the
2 Off-Island Purchases Deferral Account, it is stated “Hydro is open to discussions on
3 alternatives to its proposal”. How, when and in what format does Hydro propose
4 that such discussions on an alternative means for rate mitigation take place?

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7 A. The Board has provided a process and schedule for the General Rate Application
8 (GRA). This process includes opportunities for intervenors to propose and explore
9 alternative means for rate mitigation. For example, the GRA process permits
10 intervenors to provide expert evidence. This provides an opportunity for
11 intervenors to introduce potential alternatives to Hydro’s proposed Off-Island
12 Purchases Deferral Account. The GRA process also includes settlement discussions,
13 which are scheduled in January 2018. It is possible that alternatives to Hydro’s
14 proposal could be addressed during these discussions.