

1 Q. **Re: May 18, 2018 Application regarding Confidential Information contained in**  
2 **Table 2 of Hydro’s Response to PUB-NLH-149**

3 In clause 9 Hydro states “*Table 2 provides the daily actual price of purchases over*  
4 *the Maritime Link to March 31, 2018 compared against the daily forecast purchase*  
5 *price filed in Hydro's Summary Report — Additional Cost of Service Information. The*  
6 *information regards energy purchases made on behalf of Hydro by its marketing*  
7 *affiliate, NEM.*” Does Hydro’s application for confidentiality relate to the fact that  
8 this information is requested on a “daily” basis? Would Hydro object to providing  
9 this information publicly on a weekly or monthly basis? Please explain. If Hydro  
10 does not object to providing the information publicly on a weekly or monthly basis,  
11 please provide the information on such basis; i.e., amounts purchased over week or  
12 month, average price paid over week or month, and average of other costs paid  
13 over week or month.

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16 A. Hydro’s application for confidentiality relates to the ability of competing suppliers  
17 to discover the average price per kilowatt hour paid by Hydro. Providing this  
18 information publicly on a weekly or monthly basis would not limit or mask the  
19 ability for energy suppliers to discover what Hydro was willing to pay in these  
20 relatively short periods. Disclosure of the confidential information on a weekly or  
21 monthly basis will still have the effect of impairing or removing competitive pricing,  
22 thereby potentially increasing ratepayer costs.