

1 Q. LAB-NLH-57: Re: LAB-NLH-013

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3 **Citation:**

4 Hydro was requested to provide the costs by ‘proceeding.’ As a result, Hydro has
5 interpreted the request to mean a comprehensive summary of all regulatory
6 proceedings rather than the External Hearing Costs proceeding of approximately
7 \$1.2 million that was referenced in the citation.

8 a) Please explain what is meant by “the External Hearing Costs proceeding” in the
9 citation.

10 b) With regard to Attachment 1, please clarify:

11 a. That all costs are in \$000.

12 b. Under “External Costs”, the distinction between “PUB Costs” and
13 “Consultants”. Does “Consultants” refer to consultants engaged by both the
14 PUB and by intervenors (cost award)?

15 c) With regard to Attachment 1, please provide breakdowns and details
16 concerning:

17 a. The consultant costs of \$2,199 in 2015 for GRA;

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20 A. a) The ‘External Hearing Costs proceeding’ referenced in Hydro’s response to LAB-
21 NLH-013, line 17, is the \$1.2 million external GRA Hearing Costs that Hydro has
22 forecast to incur in 2018 with respect to the current application.¹ The costs
23 would be comprised of Board and intervenor costs that Hydro would be ordered
24 to pay.

¹ Please refer to the 2017 GRA, Volume 1, Chapter 4.11

- 1 b) a. It is confirmed.
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- 3 b. Prior to 2016, Hydro’s reporting of Board costs and consultants included a
- 4 mix of internal and external regulatory costs. Since 2016, only external
- 5 regulatory costs that were ordered by the Board (e.g., Board and intervenor
- 6 costs) are included in “PUB Costs” and internal regulatory costs are included
- 7 in “Consultants”.
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- 9 c) a. The \$2,199,000 consultant costs incurred in 2015 includes Board ordered
- 10 costs related to Liberty and other consultant costs related to the Outage
- 11 Inquiry. Additional information is included in Table 1.

Table 1 Phase I Outage Costs

Consultants	(\$000)
Liberty	1,232
McInnes Cooper	575
Industrial/Other	250
La Capra Associates	121
Gannett Fleming	21
Total	2,199