

- 1 **Q.** Page 18, line 18 to page 19, line 2. Mr. Bowman recommends that settlement
2 discussions which are scheduled to commence on January 10, 2018 proceed.
3 What in Mr. Bowman's opinion would be the scope of these discussions given
4 the many gaps on the record that he has identified? Include in the response
5 whether the information he has identified that Hydro should be directed to
6 provide is necessary to be available for settlement discussions.
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- 8 **A.** Mr. Doug Bowman believes that settlement discussions in the current information
9 void would be of little value. He recommends that settlement discussions be
10 delayed until Hydro files the information documented in the response to PUB-CA-
11 003. The schedule provided in PUB-CA-005 with settlement discussions delayed
12 by 4 to 5 weeks appears reasonable, but Hydro should be given the opportunity to
13 review and comment. If Hydro agrees to provide the information in a month, then
14 settlement discussions should take place in mid-February 2018.