

1 Q. Explain how Hydro's utility interim rate proposal will affect the balances in the Off-  
2 Island Purchases Deferral Account for 2018 and 2019 that Hydro proposes in the  
3 2017 General Rate Application be used for rate mitigation.

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6 A. Hydro assumes that the "utility interim rate proposal" above refers to Hydro's  
7 proposal to modify the number of barrels used in the calculation of Newfoundland  
8 Power's Rate Stabilization Plan (RSP) Fuel Rider. The RSP Rules proposal included in  
9 Hydro's 2018 Utility Customer Interim Rates Application will not affect the  
10 projected balances in the Off-Island Purchases Deferral Account for 2018 and 2019.  
11 Please refer to Hydro's response to PUB-NLH-156.