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| 1 OCTOBER 7, 2015 | - | 1 | in position, I would seek the Board's approval |
| 2 (9:28 a.m.) | | 2 | to permit me to cross-examine Mr. Henderson's |
| 3 CHAIRMAN: | | 3 | panel further on this issue, and I would |
| 4 Q. I believe we're read | ly to start again, and I | 4 | propose to do so, if permitted, once the other |
| 5 think, madam, you h | | 5 | counsel have finished with the panel and |
| 6 MS. PENNELL: | | 6 | before Ms. Greene, Board hearing counsel, |
| | . We have Undertaking 28 | 7 | questions the panel. I guess, the second |
| | centage of the performance | 8 | point is a procedural point that I wish to |
| 0 1 | o reliability and asset | 9 | make about this situation. From a procedural |
| 10 management that w | - | 10 | point of view, this situation is very unusual. |
| 11 performance. | ere para out for 2014 | 10 | We have Hydro resiling from its own |
| 12 CHAIRMAN: | | 12 | application and asking the Board to do |
| | next I'm going to Mr. | 12 | something different from what its application |
| - | | | sought. There is no application before the |
| 14 Johnson for a couple | of matters. | 14 | Board from Hydro seeking the implementation of |
| 15 JOHNSON, Q.C.: | n Commissionen and | 15 | |
| | n, Commissioners, good | 16 | this new methodology that it now seeks, and |
| - | irman, Commissioners, the | 17 | utilities that seek a departure from Board |
| | has been proceeding on the | 18 | approved methodology would be expected, in my |
| - | s requesting that the Board | 19 | opinion, to bring forward an application that |
| | dule, including the rate | 20 | outlines its position, provides regulatory |
| | rial customers, which set | 21 | support for its position, provides the impacts |
| | ners specifically assigned | 22 | on other customers, and provides an |
| ÷ | re outlined in page 6 of | 23 | implementation proposal. The parties would |
| | ule which was discussed | 24 | then have an opportunity to file RFIs on that |
| 25 with Mr. Fagan yest | erday. These charges for | 25 | application, test it, and proceed. In light |
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| | ed charges are in | 1 | of the circumstances, the consumer advocate |
| 2 accordance with t | he Board's approved | 2 | would respectfully submit that if Hydro is |
| 3 methodology. Yest | erday Mr. Fagan, Hydro's | 3 | going to continue not to seek these |
| 4 Manager of Rates ar | nd Regulation, stated that, | 4 | specifically assigned charge rates that it has |
| 5 in fact, Hydro is not | t requesting that these | 5 | applied for, that it should be ordered to file |
| 6 specifically assigne | d charges be approved. | 6 | a proper application. That would be my two |
| 7 Instead Hydro now | believes that Mr. Dean's | 7 | opening submissions this morning on those two |
| 8 approach would be a | a good place to start with | 8 | matters. |
| 9 until it can be furthe | r reviewed in the 2016 | 9 CH | AIRMAN: |
| 10 cost of service meth | odology hearing. So Hydro | 10 0 | Q. Okay, has this been - do you have any |
| | ignificantly different | 11 | comments? |
| | culating these costs, and | 12 MR | . CASS: |
| | on other customers. To | | Q. We do, Mr. Chair, if we might provide some |
| | amended its filing to | 14 | comments briefly. Of course, as we all know, |
| - | of position. Had the | 15 | the application was filed originally in |
| 0 | been made aware of this | 16 | accordance with Board approved methodology. |
| | t an earlier stage, such | 17 | Through the course of the case, different |
| U | e hearing, it would have | 18 | perspectives have emerged on the allocation of |
| | portunity to question Mr. | 19 | these specifically assigned costs. This is an |
| | anel about issues arising | 20 | issue, of course, that affects cost allocation |
| | Hydro's requested relief | 20 | and in which representatives of different |
| | | | - |
| | As the Board is aware, I | 22 | customer groups have different perspectives. |
| - | oss-examination of Mr. | 23 | In my submission, that's not highly unusual in |
| | banel at this stage, but in | 24 | a large case that there would be some fluidity |
| 25 light of my lack of 1 | notice of Hydro's change | 25 | on particular issues as the case proceeds. In |

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| 1 | my submission, it's not that unusual that the | 1 | anomalies are pointed out and something |
| 2 | applicant here has a perspective on an issue | 2 | doesn't hold water, the evidence doesn't |
| 3 | that's a different perspective, and agrees | 3 | support an application, then that's the |
| 4 | that that's a reasonable perspective. I would | 4 | purpose of the hearing, isn't it? I mean, all |
| 5 | submit to the Board that it doesn't | 5 | of this was prefiled evidence, RFIs were |
| 6 | necessarily follow that when the applicant has | 6 | filed, everybody had a chance to read the |
| 7 | heard a perspective and indicated that that | 7 | questions that were put to Hydro, the requests |
| 8 | sounds reasonable, that the applicant must go | 8 | for information and to read the responses. |
| 9 | back every time and amend its application | 9 | Surely it can't be said that this is a |
| 10 | because a particular customer representative | 10 | surprise to anybody. That's the only thing |
| 11 | has brought forward a reasonable perspective | 11 | I'd say. I think that this is not really - |
| 12 | on an issue. However, in specific response to | 12 | this is a procedural quagmire that we're |
| 13 | the things Mr. Johnson has said, Hydro agrees | 13 | getting into we don't need to get into. |
| 14 | with Mr. Johnson's proposal that he be able to | | CHAIRMAN: |
| 15 | ask the questions of Mr. Henderson, and given | 15 | Q. Anybody else have any comments on this matter? |
| 16 | the attention that this particular issue has | | MS. GLYNN: |
| 17 | drawn and our respect for the views of others, | 17 | Q. No, Mr. Chair. |
| 18 | Hydro will take this one back under advisement | | CHAIRMAN: |
| 19 | and consider whether it's appropriate to amend | 19 | Q. Well, I guess what we should do is postpone a |
| 20 | the application. Again the general | 20 | final determination arising out of Hydro's |
| 21 | proposition, I would suggest, Mr. Chair, is | 21 | response, Mr. Johnson, would that satisfy you |
| 22 | just because something comes up with a | 22 | on an interim basis? |
| 23 | witness, that the witness agrees is a | | JOHNSON, Q.C.: |
| 24 | reasonable perspective on an issue that's different than Hydro's original perspective, | 24 25 | Q. It would, Mr. Chairman. I think it's fair for Hydro to take it under advisement and tell us |
| 25 | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
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| 1 | that doesn't always mean the application needs | 1 | where they are, and then we can take it from |
| 2 | to be amended, but we'll take this one back | 2 | there. |
| 3 | under advisement and consider what Mr. Johnson | 3 | CHAIRMAN: |
| 4 | has said in relation to an amendment of the | 4 | Q. Okay. That's what we shall do. |
| 5 | application on this issue. | | MS. GLYNN: |
| | CHAIRMAN: | 6 | Q. And on the issue of cross-examination, Mr. C_{1} |
| 7 | Q. Do any of the other solicitors present have an | 7 | Chair? |
| 8 | opinion on this matter which they would like | | CHAIRMAN: |
| 9 | to offer? | 9 | Q. I beg your pardon. |
| | O'REILLY, Q.C.: Q. Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to make a few | | MS. GLYNN: |
| 11 12 | comments on that. It seems to me that the | 11 12 | Q. On the issue of Mr. Johnson's request to be able to cross-examine Mr. Henderson further? |
| | process of a hearing is designed to test the | | CHAIRMAN: |
| 13 14 | evidence in support of the application. If we | 13 | Q. Oh, I think that's appropriate, isn't it? |
| 14 | carry Mr. Johnson's suggestion to its logical | 14 | Does anybody have any objections to that or |
| 16 | conclusion, it may very well mean that the | 16 | any comment on Mr. Johnson's request to recall |
| 17 | only avenue open to the Board would be to | 17 | Mr. Henderson arising out of some comments Mr. |
| 18 | reject that portion of Hydro's evidence and | 18 | Fagan made. Okay, so you are finished, Mr. |
| 19 | that part of its application, seeking to | 19 | Coxworthy, are you? |
| 20 | assign a specifically assigned charge to | | MR. COXWORTHY: |
| 20 | industrial customers, on the grounds that an | 20 | Q. I am finished with this witness, that's |
| 22 | anomaly has been identified that Hydro agrees | 22 | correct. |
| 22 | with and is prepared to recognize that in | | CHAIRMAN: |
| 23 | their rate structure. It cannot be accepted | 23 | Q. I think I'm going to Mr. O'Reilly, is that |
| 24 | as a part of the process that going through if | 25 | correct? |
| <u> </u> | as a part of the process that Sonig through it | 25 | Daga 5 Daga 9 |

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| 1 | O'REILLY, Q.C.: | - | 1 | to permit the Board to make that assessment, |
| 2 | Q. That's correct. | | 2 | and you'll recall that in this case, both in |
| 3 | MS. GLYNN: | | 3 | his vive voce evidence and also in his |
| 4 | Q. There was a preliminary matter for Mr. | | 4 | prefiled evidence, Mr. Dean described his |
| 5 | O'Reilly. | | 5 | professional education leading to a |
| 6 | CHAIRMAN: | | 6 | designation as a professional engineer, an |
| 7 | Q. Oh, you have a preliminary matter, I'm sorry | , | 7 | electrical engineer. He also described his |
| 8 | yes, sir. | | 8 | lengthy industrial experience and his lengthy |
| 9 | O'REILLY, Q.C.: | | 9 | regulatory experience on the matter, and that, |
| 10 | Q. Yes, and it involves the questioning of Mr. | 1 | 10 | I suggest, was the basis for his evidence. I |
| 11 | Fagan yesterday by Mr. Johnson. I've | 1 | 11 | was reluctant to raise this, but my concern is |
| 12 | discussed this with Mr. Johnson. Can we brin | ng 1 | 12 | if I didn't raise this at this particular |
| 13 | up yesterday's transcript at page 68, line 13, | - - | 13 | point, silence might be considered as |
| 14 | and it involves an issue with respect to Mr. | 1 | 14 | acquiesence in the comments that are made. I |
| 15 | Dean's qualification or his ability to testify | 1 | 15 | raise that, I put that on the record because I |
| 16 | on the matters that he did testify on. In | 1 | 16 | think that the appropriate time probably |
| 17 | other words, the scope of his evidence, and I | 1 | 17 | should have been when he said it, but I wanted |
| 18 | just want to read from starting at line 13, | 1 | 18 | to check the record to make sure that I |
| 19 | this is Mr. Johnson, he's putting this to Mr. | 1 | 19 | understood the comments clearly at the time, |
| 20 | Fagan. They were in a discussion at this | 2 | 20 | and I've discussed this with Mr. Johnson in |
| 21 | point on the amended O & M charges as a pa | art 2 | 21 | advance of the hearing. I just want to put |
| 22 | of the specifically assigned charge, and in | | 22 | that on the record. |
| 23 | particular, the result of Hydro's | 2 | 23 JC | JOHNSON, Q.C.: |
| 24 | recalculation of that as seen in Vale 083, | | 24 | Q. Just to ensure Mr. Dean, mentioning that he |
| 25 | Revision 1, and Mr. Johnson says to Mr. Fag | an, 2 | 25 | was Vale's witness was just indicating that he |
| | Р | age 10 | | Page 1 |
| 1 | "Right, and so just to understand now, Mr. | | 1 | was Vale's witness. I didn't mean to say that |
| 2 | Dean is Vale's witness. He's indicated he's | | 2 | because he's Vale's witness that you take less |
| 3 | not an expert witness, but he has come up with | th | 3 | from what the gentleman is saying at all, but |
| 4 | this new methodology and he would like that | | 4 | he's not a cost of service expert and he |
| 5 | be implemented in this GRA or he can live wi | | 5 | wouldn't put himself forward as that, but, you |
| 6 | Hydro's 150,000 dollar figure". Now the | | 6 | know, that's - I certainly think that the |
| 7 | question I want to raise here deals with the | | 7 | gentleman has long experience and he's able to |
| 8 | suggestion that's contained in that, that | | 8 | provide a perspective on the issue and I think |
| 9 | somehow Mr. Dean's evidence, because he | e's | 9 | he's done so. |
| 10 | Vale's witness and has not been declared to b | | 10 O | O'REILLY, Q.C.: |
| 11 | an expert, somehow that his evidence doesn' | 't 1 | 11 | Q. That's fine. |
| 12 | speak with the same efficacy as other | 1 | 12 C | CHAIRMAN: |
| 13 | witnesses who have testified in this area. | 1 | 13 | Q. You're happy, Mr. O'Reilly? |
| 14 | The fact that Mr. Dean was retained by Vale, | I 1 | 14 O | O'REILLY, Q.C.: |
| 15 | submit, Mr. Chairman, does not distinguish th | he 1 | 15 | Q. I don't think - this is not World War III. |
| 16 | efficacy of his evidence and that of any of | 1 | 16 | It's a point to put on the record, and I think |
| 17 | the other witnesses who were retained by | 1 | 17 | Mr. Johnson and I will resume our usual |
| 18 | either Hydro or any of the intervenors to give | e 1 | 18 | conviviality and proceed with the hearing. |
| 19 | evidence here. It doesn't suggest because | 1 | 19 C | CHAIRMAN: |
| 20 | they're retained that it contains any kind of | 2 | 20 | Q. So you won't start World War III over this. |
| 21 | bias. That's open for the Board to accept, to | 2 | 21 O | O'REILLY, Q.C.: |
| 22 | scrutinize the evidence to see whether or not | 2 | 22 | Q. We will not, not over this, anyway. |
| 23 | it's reasonable, and that the person who's | 2 | 23 C | CHAIRMAN: |
| 24 | giving the evidence has the background and | 1 2 | 24 | Q. Okay, very reassuring, sir. We are safe for |
| 25 | necessary - has laid the necessary background | d 2 | 25 | another few hours. Where am I going now? |

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| 1 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | 1 related to specifically | assigned, so they go |
| 2 Q. I think it's back to me. | 2 back in as being comm | on to be reallocated. |
| 3 MR. KEVIN FAGAN - CROSS-EXAMINATION BY O'REILLY, | Q.C.: 3 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | |
| 4 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | 4 Q. It would go into - yes, | a general issue. |
| 5 Q. I just have a few questions of Mr. Fagan, and | 5 MR. FAGAN: | |
| 6 again picking up the theme that we discussed | 6 A. Yeah. | |
| 7 before my soliloquy here dealing again with | 7 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | |
| 8 the O & M charges, Mr. Fagan, we spent a | 8 Q. So you recognize, Mr. | Fagan, that these rates |
| 9 considerable amount of time on that, the | 9 that are applied for are | e final rates? The |
| 10 recalculation that Hydro did under 083, | 10 rates that are being app | plied for are final? |
| 11 Revision 1, Vale 083, Revision 1. Now as I | 11 MR. FAGAN: | |
| 12 understand your testimony, the recalculation | 12 A. Yes, I understand. I m | hay have said interim, |
| 13 that was done by Hydro, and I take it your | 13 but it wasn't from a le | - |
| 14 fingerprints are on this - | 14 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | |
| 15 MR. FAGAN: | 15 Q. No, but they're final u | until the next - they |
| 16 A. I'm very familiar with it, yes. | 16 will be final until the r | |
| 17 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | 17 MR. FAGAN: | |
| 18 Q. On the recalculation, the indexing issue and | 18 A. Yes, but the plan will | be to review the whole |
| 19 the recalculation of the numbers that appear | - | dology. When we're |
| 20 in Revision 1? | 20 reviewing all aspects of | |
| 21 MR. FAGAN: | 21 methodology, we'll | |
| A. I didn't specifically do the numbers, but it's | 22 specifically assigned. | |
| under my direction. | 23 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | |
| 24 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | 24 Q. But these rates that are | being applied for in |
| 25 Q. Under your direction you did it, okay. Now we | 25 this hearing will be fi | |
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| 1 recognize in that hearing - as a result of the | 1 hearing? | 1 age 10 |
| 2 application of the indexing principle that | 2 MR. FAGAN: | |
| 3 we've discussed at length in this hearing, it | 3 A. Certainly. | |
| 4 was determined that three of the industrial | 4 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | |
| 5 customers on that basis of indexing would | 5 Q. Is that correct? | |
| 6 have, if these rates, if the original rates as | 6 MR. FAGAN: | |
| applied for by Hydro, would result in three of | 7 A. Yes. | |
| 8 the industrial customers being assigned a | 8 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | |
| 9 charge, an annual charge. In the case of | 9 Q. So that if Hydro red | cognizes that these |
| | 10 charges, in particular | - |
| | | - |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | apply to Teck and Corner |
| - | Brook Pulp and Papeoriginally applied for | |
| 13 case of Teck there's something less, 14 \$90,000 or something of that nature | | |
| 14 \$90,000.00 or something of that nature. | | |
| 15 MR. FAGAN:16 A. I think so. We can look at Table 4 at the | 15 annual charge of \$29116 MR. FAGAN: | ,000.001 |
| | | charge would be |
| | , , , | - |
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| 19 savings, Corner Brook Pulp and Paper about | 19 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | |
| 20 \$166,000.00, Teck \$109,000.00, Newfoundland | | |
| 21 Power was \$59,000.00, North Atlantic Refining | 21 MR. FAGAN: | |
| 22 would have been an increase in specifically 23 $rained O \approx M \text{ of } \$22 000 00 \text{ and these sectors}$ | 22 A. The savings was 291 - | |
| assigned O & M of \$22,000.00, and those costs | 23 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | 111 |
| 24 would effectively be deemed to be not | 24 Q. Yeah, and - but it wou | - |
| 25 appropriate with respect to being O & M | 25 original rate is \$291,00 | JU.UU? |

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| 1 MR. FAGAN: | 1 Q. Oka | y, where am I now? Oh, I'm sorry, I beg |
| 2 A. Yes, because of the position that the use | e of 2 your | pardon, Madam Dawson. |
| 3 original cost is inappropriate, yes. | 3 MR. KEVIN | FAGAN - CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. DAWSON: |
| 4 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | 4 MS. DAWS | ON: |
| 5 Q. And they will be required to pay \$291,0 | 000.00 5 Q. That | nk you. Mr. Fagan, I represent the |
| 6 in excess of what would have been appr | opriate, 6 Nun | atsiavut Government in these hearings, and |
| 7 what Hydro considers as appropriate, a | nd no 7 I jus | t want to give some context to where I'm |
| 8 chance of getting that back until the ne | ext 8 goin | g. We're new to the party, and I think |
| 9 GRA? | 9 befor | re I came in January of this year, |
| 10 MR. FAGAN: | 10 altho | ough it seems like a few years ago now, |
| 11 A. That's correct. | 11 there | e was, I think, about a thousand RFIs in |
| 12 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | 12 place | e. |
| 13 Q. That would be gone forever? | 13 CHAIRMAN | N: |
| 14 MR. FAGAN: | 14 Q. Excu | use me, can you speak into the mic? We're |
| 15 A. That's correct. | 15 havi | ng trouble - |
| 16 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | 16 MS. DAWS | ON: |
| 17 Q. And Hydro, I take it, does not agree t | nat 17 Q. That | t would be helpful, wouldn't it? |
| 18 that's appropriate? | 18 CHAIRMAN | N: |
| 19 MR. FAGAN: | 19 Q. Yeal | h, it kind of would. |
| 20 A. No, we don't. I understand Mr. Johns | son's 20 MS. DAWS | ON: |
| 21 concerns with regard to the impacts not | being 21 Q. Yes, | , I'll start from the beginning. I |
| 22 clear, so I've done some - had som | | esent the Nunatsiavut Government and we're |
| 23 discussions with our own internal staff | , so 23 late t | to this party in that we just came along |
| 24 what we plan on doing is providing an u | pdated 24 in Ja | nuary of this year, and before I came |
| cost of service with the changes made se | o it's 25 along | g, I think there was about 1,000 RFIs |
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| 1 clear to all parties in advance of final | | l, and so my focus is going to be a little |
| 2 argument. | 2 diffe | erent than some of the more seasoned PUB |
| 3 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | | ple. I'm not going to focus on things like |
| 4 Q. Okay. | | ginal costs and embedded costs because they |
| 5 MR. FAGAN: | | 't mean anything to the people I represent. |
| 6 A. So we'll have that on the record a | | 'm going to take it to a very different |
| 7 information for the other parties to know | | and try to explain or try to get some |
| 8 the impacts are of flowing it through to | | erstanding of this whole process, but |
| 9 common as well. | | ore I go there, I want to ask you did you |
| 10 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | | e any understanding as an employee of Hydro |
| 11 Q. Yes. You mean, the exercise that yo | | both the Public Utilities Act and the |
| 12 initiated to see how this - when you take | | ctrical Power Control Act has a particular |
| 13 out of the specifically assigned and it ge | - | vision in there that recognizes Inuit Land |
| 14 back into the general cost, how that w | | ms Agreement? |
| 15 trickle through to the rate payers? | 15 MR. FAGA | |
| 16 MR. FAGAN: | | asn't initially aware of it. I've heard |
| 17 A. Right, so we'll provide information to | | mention it throughout the proceeding, so I |
| 18 what the impacts would be on all custo | | someone check to see if there was anything |
| 19 with regard to the specifically assign | | in that Act which would refer to rate |
| 20 charges as well as the other charges. | | ng practices, and my understanding is |
| 21 O'REILLY, Q.C.: | | there wasn't, so from a rate setting |
| 22 Q. I think that's all I have, Mr. Chairman. | - | pective, I'd still be dealing with the |
| 23 you, Mr. Fagan. | | ctives of government as well as the - |
| 24 (9:45 a.m.) | | ch, I guess, would be within the Act, so |
| 25 CHAIRMAN: | 25 with | regard to the Public Utilities Act and |

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| 1 | the Electrical Power Control Act. | 1 | the isolated systems, Labrador isolated, and |
| 2 MS | . DAWSON: | 2 | Labrador isolated is approximately 27.5 |
| 3 | Q. That would be fair, but I'm going to suggest | 3 | million. I'm not sure - we could ball park it |
| 4 | to you that the fact that the Inuit are | 4 | with respect of the number of customers, but |
| 5 | mentioned at all as opposed to other minority | 5 | Nain is your area, correct, your customers are |
| 6 | groups in Newfoundland, suggests that the | 6 | in Nain? |
| 7 | government at least have them in mind when | 7 | MS. DAWSON: |
| 8 | these Acts were put in place. | 8 | Q. Well, there's five. Nain is the biggest. |
| 9 MR | R. FAGAN: | 9 | MR. FAGAN: |
| 10 | A. I accept that. | 10 | A. Yes, I was thinking about the biggest. If I |
| 11 MS | . DAWSON: | 11 | had the customer numbers split between the |
| 12 | Q. Okay. So then I understand that you are only | 12 | five isolated systems versus the total of the |
| 13 | familiar - you're familiar now with the | 13 | Labrador isolated system, I think I - it would |
| 14 | special recognition of the Inuit because of | 14 | probably be ball park to take the proportion |
| 15 | your involvement in the proceedings, not | 15 | |
| 16 | because it is a policy that was brought to the | 16 | MS. DAWSON: |
| 17 | forefront by Hydro or its executives, would I | 17 | Q. Okay, so what you're suggesting I do - and |
| 18 | be fair in saying that? | 18 | |
| 19 MR | R. FAGAN: | 19 | |
| 20 | A. That's correct. | 20 | |
| 21 MS | . DAWSON: | 21 | - |
| 22 | Q. Now as you may be aware, and I'm sure you are | 22 | |
| 23 | aware, you set rates for 21 isolated diesel | 23 | |
| 24 | communities in the Province of Newfoundland, | 24 | |
| 25 | correct, Newfoundland and Labrador? | 25 | |
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| 1 MR | R. FAGAN: | | MR. FAGAN: |
| 2 | A. Yes. | 2 | |
| 3 MS | . DAWSON: | 3 | |
| 4 | Q. And that the Nunatsiavut Government or the | 4 | |
| 5 | people of Nunatsiavut reside in five of those, | 5 | MS. DAWSON: |
| 6 | right? So that would be Nain, Hopedale, | 6 | |
| 7 | Postville, Makkovik, and Rigolet, correct? | 7 | |
| | R. FAGAN: | 8 | MR. FAGAN: |
| | A. I think you're right, yes. | 9 | |
| | . DAWSON: | 10 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| | Q. And I don't want to - I'll try not to raise | 11 | |
| 12 | too much, but I will raise the infamous rural | 12 | |
| 13 | deficit. Is there any way that I can get a | 13 | |
| 14 | handle on how much of the rural deficit that | 14 | - |
| 15 | we are responsible for? It's nowhere in the | 15 | |
| 16 | figures, and I realize it might be too | 16 | |
| 17 | difficult for you to, but a ball park figure | 17 | |
| 18 | would be nice. So of the five communities | | MS. DAWSON: |
| 19 | that we represent, I'm just trying to figure | 19 | |
| | out how much of the rural deficit we would be | | MR. FAGAN: |
| | | | |
| 20 | responsible for? | 21 | A The average cost per isolated system is fairly |
| 20 21 | responsible for? | 21 | |
| 20 21 22 MR | R. FAGAN: | 22 | high in all of them, it may be 80 to 90 cents |
| 20 21 22 MR | * | | high in all of them, it may be 80 to 90 cents per kilowatt hour, so I think the customer |

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| 1 Q. Okay. | 1 particular I'd like to | start at page 12 of |
| 2 MR. FAGAN: | 2 that RFI. | |
| 3 A. Sorry, I don't have the numbers right now. | 3 MR. FAGAN: | |
| 4 MS. DAWSON: | 4 A. Which attachment? | |
| 5 Q. I appreciate - I think there was an RFI and | 5 MS. DAWSON: | |
| 6 there was some indication that it might be | 6 Q. I'm sorry, Attachmer | it 3, page 1 of 12. |
| 7 difficult to figure out, but I do understand | 7 MR. FAGAN: | |
| 8 it's about 80 cents on the dollar. | 8 A. Attachment 3, page | - |
| 9 MR. FAGAN: | | Labrador isolated systems. |
| 10 A. We don't do cost of service studies by | 10 MS. DAWSON: | |
| 11 isolated system. | _ | at D1.20, domestic diesel |
| 12 MS. DAWSON: | | of a bill that somebody in |
| 13 Q. No, I understand. | | eceive, am I correct about |
| 14 MR. FAGAN: | | he rates or the class of |
| 15 A. Because we actually aggregate them and | | or isolated? |
| 16 allocate - got overhead allocations and stuf | | |
| 17 as well, and fuel costs, and we don't track | | |
| all our cost by isolated system, but if onewas just trying to get an estimate from a | 18 MS. DAWSON: | the basic sustamor shares |
| | | the basic customer charge hat charge? What does |
| 20 communications perspective in speaking21 someone, I think a portion allocation of th | | m going to say what kind |
| someone, I think a portion allocation of th customer counts would be unreasonable. | 22 of widgets does that c | |
| 23 MS. DAWSON: | 23 MR. FAGAN: | charge cover! |
| 24 Q. Okay. When you're about to set rates, do y | | erspective an historical |
| 25 have any discussion with your customers? | | c customer charge for the |
| 25 nuve any discussion with your customers. | | - |
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| 1 you discuss this issue with Newfoundland | | systems and the first |
| 2 or the province, or let's say, the Nunatsiav | 0. 0 | is established based on |
| 3 Government? Do you give people a heads 4 MR. FAGAN: | - | r s rates. |
| | g. 4 MS. DAWSON: 5 Q. Oh, we'll get into tha | t That's coming |
| A. So we're going back to prior to Hydro filir I wasn't with Hydro when the origina | | t. That's conning. |
| 7 application was filed, but prior to the | 7 A. Yeah, okay. | |
| application was filed, but prior to the amended application being filed, we would | | |
| anichaed appreadon being filed, we would had discussions with Minister of Natura | | 10W - |
| 10 Resources, did a presentation for the Minis | - 3 | |
| 11 responsible for labrador. | 11 A. I'm not avoiding the | question |
| 12 MS. DAWSON: | 12 MS. DAWSON: | question. |
| 13 Q. That's the Provincial Government you | | now what is it that |
| 14 speaking about? | 14 customer charge cove | |
| 15 MR. FAGAN: | 15 MR. FAGAN: | |
| 16 A. The Provincial Government. | 16 A. Okay. The cost of s | service study itself is |
| 17 MS. DAWSON: | | tion, transmission, and |
| 18 Q. Not the Nunatsiavut Government? | · · · | l customer costs, okay. |
| 19 MR. FAGAN: | | s are also split between |
| 20 A. No, we didn't have a presentation for the | | id. So customer costs in |
| 21 Nunatsiavut Government. | | ould think about would be |
| 22 MS. DAWSON: | | neter reading, meters - |
| 23 Q. So I'm going to get you now just to take n | | certain aspects of the |
| through a bill, just ground zero. I want to | 24 distribution system, t | - |
| look at IN-NLH-004, if we could, and in | - | ansformer and certain |
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| 1 | aspects that are also considered customer | 1 | reasonable proportion of the cost. |
| 2 | costs. I think the average customer cost of | 2 MS. | . DAWSON: |
| 3 | serving domestic customers may be closer to | 3 (| Q. There's been a lot of discussion - some of the |
| 4 | around in the neighbourhood of \$20.00 per | 4 | buzz words, I don't get, but I think a buzz |
| 5 | customer. The actual customer charge | 5 | word that a lot of people use, is it price, |
| 6 | historically has been slightly below that, but | 6 | something or other? |
| 7 | in general, if you delineate the customers, | 7 MR | . FAGAN: |
| 8 | you're talking about the cost of reading their | 8 A | A. Price elasticity. |
| 9 | meters, billing, and you've got a call centre | 9 MS. | . DAWSON: |
| 10 | to deal with customer calls and stuff like | 10 0 | Q. Pardon me? |
| 11 | that, but there's also a portion of the | 11 MR | . FAGAN: |
| 12 | distribution system reflected in the customer | 12 A | A. Price elasticity, is that what you're |
| 13 | charge. | 13 | referring to? |
| 14 (| 10:00 a.m.) | 14 MS. | . DAWSON: |
| 15 N | MS. DAWSON: | 15 (| Q. No, I think the idea - |
| 16 | Q. Okay, so then what does - when I get to the | 16 MR | . FAGAN: |
| 17 | next line which is how much someone gets | 17 A | A. Or the marginal price versus embedded price. |
| 18 | charged per kilowatt hour, what does that | 18 MS. | . DAWSON: |
| 19 | cover, what does the actual rate of in this | 19 (| Q. Right, and I'm just trying to - so the 17 is a |
| 20 | case it's 11.171 cents, and that's the first | 20 | little higher because you'd like to discourage |
| 21 | block, what does that cover? | 21 | people from going to that next block? |
| 22 N | MR. FAGAN: | 22 MR | . FAGAN: |
| 23 | A. Well, in aggregate energy charges, well, for | 23 A | A. Well, it's a price that better reflects the |
| 24 | domestic customers where we don't have demand | 24 | cost to serve the customers in the diesel |
| 25 | charges, the energy charges recover all the | 25 | areas. For example, the average cost of fuel |
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| 1 | fuel costs, the transmission lines, the | 1 | may be 30 to 40 cents a kilowatt hour, it's |
| 2 | generating equipment, and most of the | 2 | probably closer to 40 cents a kilowatt hour, |
| 3 | distribution system. So for diesel areas, | 3 | just the diesel fuel in the isolated systems |
| 4 | it's the generator and the distribution system | 4 | in Labrador. So if it's 40 cents a kilowatt |
| 5 | in the diesel areas, but now the rate - the | 5 | hour, then - now we've got a directive that we |
| 6 | actual price itself is established, the first | 6 | don't recover the full cost from the customers |
| 7 | block price is established based on | 7 | in isolated systems, but I think it was back |
| 8 | Newfoundland Power rates, which you say you'll | 8 | in the late 90s that there was - actually it |
| 9 | get to later on. | 9 | was in early 90s when Mr. Baker did a review |
| 10 N | MS. DAWSON: | 10 | of the rural deficit allocation, and he also |
| 11 | Q. We'll get into it. So then the next one, | 11 | did a review of the rural rate designs, and |
| 12 | 17.083 cents for the next kilowatt, I guess, | 12 | came up with some proposals on what the excess |
| 13 | past the life block, that covers the same sort | 13 | block rates or the end block rates would be |
| 14 | of things, distribution, that kind of thing, | 14 | for customers, so the rates would reasonably |
| 15 | or energy charges? | 15 | reflect the margin cost or the cost of fuel |
| | MR. FAGAN: | 16 | that's been incurred. So as customers go |
| 17 | A. I would say that - all energy charges in | 17 | above we call the lifeline block usage, they |
| 18 | general are recovering all the costs, as I | 18 | would see a better price signal more |
| 19 | mentioned. We're moved into rate design now | 19 | reflective of the cost of serving, and it's |
| 20 | with respect to that - because the customers | 20 | primarily the fuel cost that it's reflecting. |
| 21 | are on diesel systems, we give them a price | 21 | So it's still below the fuel cost, but it |
| 22 | for higher usage to reflect the higher cost of | 22 | gives the customer - well, one, it provides |
| 23 | fuel of serving customers in diesel systems, | 23 | for cost recovery, but also gives the customer |
| 24 | to give them a message for conservation | 24 | an incentive to conserve. |
| 25 | effectively, and also to try and recover a | 25 MS. | . DAWSON: |

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| 1 | Q. Okay, now the next bill - I'm not going to go | | 1 M | S. DAWSON: | |
| 2 | through all of them, but I'm going to go | | 2 | Q. And so then the kilow | vatt hour is dramatically |
| 3 | through - the next one I would like to look at | | 3 | different in this case a | and it's \$69.70? |
| 4 | is 9 of 12. Now there's some RFIs that left | | 4 M | R. FAGAN: | |
| 5 | me a little bit confused about whether there | | 5 | A. That's correct. | |
| 6 | is actual a G2.10 in Labrador isolated? | | 6 M | S. DAWSON: | |
| 7 | MR. FAGAN: | | 7 | Q. So to me, that's fundation | • |
| 8 | A. That would be a government rate. | | 8 | | at earlier, which was |
| 9 | MS. DAWSON: | | 9 | | e're into \$69.00 per |
| 10 | Q. That's a government rate? | - | 10 | kilowatt. | |
| 11 | MR. FAGAN: | 1 | 11 M | R. HAYES: | |
| 12 | A. Yes. | | 12 | Q. It's 69 cents. | |
| | MS. DAWSON: | | | S. DAWSON: | |
| 14 | Q. So this government rate then is a little bit | | 14 | Q. Pardon me, 69 cents, | sorry. |
| 15 | higher. We have a basic charge of 44.82, and | 1 | 15 M | R. FAGAN: | |
| 16 | I'm interested in - and you've already - I'm | | 16 | A. 69 cents. It is high, but | ut it's not - |
| 17 | assuming the basic customer charge in this | | | S. DAWSON: | |
| 18 | case, the government case, does it cover the | | 18 | - | ı wish, eh, yeah. Anyway, |
| 19 | same sorts of charges that you talked about | | 19 | we wouldn't be here. | |
| 20 | when it came to a customer rate? | | | R. FAGAN: | |
| | MR. FAGAN: | | 21 | | er might wish as it would |
| 22 | A. It does, but in this particular case - so when | | 22 | reduce the rural subsi | ldy. |
| 23 | Hydro does its cost of service study for its | | | S. DAWSON: | 1 11.4 / 1 |
| 24 | isolated systems, it breaks the cost down | | 24 | - | , and would that be more |
| 25 | between, as I mentioned, customer costs, | | 25 | reflective then of what | at it would be - I guess, |
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| 1 | demand costs, and energy costs, and we | | 1 | | e actually charging the |
| 2 | actually derive the unit cost per customer, | | 2 | - | ill more of what it costs |
| 3 | and the unit cost per demand, and the unit | | 3 | to supply the diesel | to that particular |
| 4 | cost per energy. So for government | | 4 | customer? | |
| 5 | departments, the policy was put in place to | | | R. FAGAN: | 6 -11 6 6 |
| 6 | make a full cost recovery rates and that's | | 6 | A. It's our estimation of | |
| 7 | reflected in Order PU-7-2002/2003, that so the | | 7 | | rs on diesel systems. So |
| 8 | rates we see here come from that cost of | | 8 | | is customer is, we call |
| 9 | service, so this is the unit cost derived from | | 9 | | d would be below 10 |
| 10 | our cost of service study for the test year | | 10 | kilowatts, so it wou | - |
| 11 | for government customers on the isolated | | 11 | • | you see a small corner |
| 12 | systems. MS. DAWSON: | | 12 13 | store, actually, if the | bove 10 kilowatts, so it |
| 14 | Q. So do I take it then that the 44.82 is more | | 13 | could be just - if you | |
| 14 | representative of the actual cost to have a | | 14 | at a strip mall you s | - |
| 15 | diesel generated facility in isolated areas? | | 15 | stores side by side, so | |
| - | MR. FAGAN: | | 17 | • | that size, an individual |
| 18 | A. I mentioned that the customer charge, the | | 18 | • | 2.1, below 10 kilowatts. |
| 19 | 15.68 you referred to, was probably slightly | | 19 | | ner. So the 69.7 reflects |
| 20 | less than the actual customer cost. | | 20 | | st and the energy cost |
| | MS. DAWSON: | | 20 | blended into a single | |
| 22 | Q. That's right. | | | S. DAWSON: | |
| | MR. FAGAN: | | 22 IVI 23 | Q. Yes, but is this the g | overnment rate or is |
| 24 | A. So this would be the actual estimated customer | | 24 | this - | |
| 25 | cost within the isolated systems. | | | R. FAGAN: | |
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| 1 A. It's a government rate. | 1 | profit for that matter. Anything that's not |
| 2 MS. DAWSON: | 2 | residential, it's considered general service, |
| 3 Q. This is the government rate? | 3 | so if their demand goes above that 10 |
| 4 MR. FAGAN: | 4 | kilowatts - say, a larger corner store type |
| 5 A. Yes. | 5 | thing, but if this would be a government owned |
| 6 MS. DAWSON: | 6 | one, then it's got both a demand charge and an |
| 7 Q. Okay. | 7 | energy charge. So you'd see the energy charge |
| 8 MR. FAGAN: | 8 | here would be 49 cents, 49.554 cents per |
| 9 A. They're structured the same as the rates for | 9 | kilowatt hour, and \$11.40 per kilowatt. I'm |
| 10 the non-government customers, except the cost | t 10 | sorry, I got that wrong, \$53.68 per kilowatt. |
| 11 reflected in the government rate are full | 11 | I'm not used to the higher numbers. So the |
| 12 costs. So when we see G2.1 versus D2.1, the | 12 | blending of the \$53.68 and the \$49.554 in the |
| 13 design of the rate is the same, but the cost | 13 | previous rate where we looked - got a higher |
| 14 for the government rate strictly come from the | 14 | energy charge, so in this one we've split out |
| 15 cost of service study, whereas the practices | 15 | the energy charge into both a demand charge |
| 16 for the rate for the customers that are non- | 16 | and an energy charge, so it gives customers a |
| 17 government, we've got the basic customer | 17 | signal to try and manage what appliances or |
| 18 charge will be the same as Newfoundland Pow | ver, 18 | what facilities they've got in their building |
| 19 the lifeline block rate the same as | 19 | that are on at the same time to try and keep |
| 20 Newfoundland Power, and that's on a domesti | ic 20 | the demand down, so that you won't get |
| 21 basis, but you've got the excess rate based on | 21 | everything turned on the one time and drive |
| something in between the Newfoundland Pow | ver 22 | costs up, and have to put additional |
| rate and the actual fuel cost of service. So | 23 | transformers in and stuff like that. |
| 24 the design of the rates is the same for | 24 | MS. DAWSON: |
| 25 government from a structure perspective, but | 25 | Q. So, in this case, am I correct that it is |
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| 1 the actual prices are a lot different because | 1 | \$53.64? |
| 2 they're recovering full costs. Did I confuse | 2 | MR. FAGAN: |
| 3 you on that? | 3 | A. In this case, yes, you are. |
| 4 MS. DAWSON: | | MS. DAWSON: |
| 5 Q. Okay. So then the next one I want you to look | 5 | Q. Okay. So, and then you explained the blend in |
| 6 at is 11 of 12, and I want to confirm that the | 6 | there. My question this is that I understand |
| 7 service here is G2.20, general service. | 7 | from thethat you're asking the PUB to |
| 8 MR. FAGAN: | 8 | increase the rate for this particular service, |
| 9 A. For government. | 9 | the G2.20 to 25.4 percent? |
| 10 MS. DAWSON: | | MR. FAGAN: |
| 11 Q. This is also a government rate? | 11 | A. I believe that's correct. There's a |
| 12 MR. FAGAN: | 12 | difference between the government rates and |
| 13 A. That's correct. | 13 | thefrom a rate change, between test years. |
| 14 MS. DAWSON: | 14 | Government rates are not updated between test |
| 15 Q. And again the - but it's a different structure | 15 | years for changes in price of fuel. |
| 16 here, it seems. Well, the basic charge is a | | MS. DAWSON: |
| 17 little higher and this time there's a demand. | 17 | Q. Okay. |
| 18 MR. FAGAN: | | MR. FAGAN: |
| 19 A. Yes. | 19 | A. Other customers' rates are. So, there's a |
| 20 MS. DAWSON: | 20 | July 1 rate change for Newfoundland Power's |
| 21 Q. Which is typical for an industrial customer, | 21 | customers which flows through to Hydro's non- |
| 22 there's always a demand charge? | 22 | government customers. So, their rate change, |
| 23 MR. FAGAN: | 23 | each July 1 reflects changes in the price of |
| A. Well, it isn't just industrial, it's any | 24 | fuel. The government customers do not. |
| 25 commercial or could be - it could be non- | 25 | They're just set every test year. So, because |

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| 1 | there's been a long time since the previous | 1 | l | large as 25. So it's more of a catch up, and |
| 2 | test year, there's been a bigger increase in | 2 | 2 | so gradualism has the sensitivity on |
| 3 | the rate for these government customers. | 3 | 3 | gradualism for government accounts who many |
| 4 | MS. DAWSON: | 4 | 1 | people would say well, government made the |
| 5 | Q. So, the last rate change that I get from what | 5 | 5 | decision to create the rural deficit rather |
| 6 | you're saying was 2007? | 6 | 5 | than have to pay itself as it was doing prior |
| 7 | MR. FAGAN: | 7 | 7 | in 1989, that the government should at least |
| 8 | A. That's my understanding. | 8 | 3 | pay their full share of costs. So, I think |
| 9 | MS. DAWSON: | 9 |) | that's considered a stronger factor, rather |
| 10 | Q. The last test year? | 10 |) | then the concept of gradualism in this case. |
| 11 | MR. FAGAN: | 11 | MS. | DAWSON: |
| 12 | A. Yes. | 12 | 2 Q | Okay. All right. So that gives me thank |
| 13 | MS. DAWSON: | 13 | 3 | you, and I appreciate how tedious it might be, |
| 14 | Q. But I am correct in that the increase you're | 14 | 1 | but I wanted to have some understanding of the |
| 15 | looking for is 25.4 percent of a rate increase | 15 | 5 | different of what goes into a bill, an |
| 16 | for this particular class in isolate | 16 | 5 | everyday bill, so when people look at it |
| 17 | communities. | 17 | 7 | they'll say, well, this is what or this is how |
| 18 | MR. FAGAN: | 18 | 3 | this goes. But at the end of the day, I |
| 19 | A. That's correct. And on the interim accrual, | 19 |) | guess, I don't understand, and maybe this is |
| 20 | July 1 by the Board, I think the Board | 20 |) | not the right forum, how you managed to get to |
| 21 | approved half of the increase. So, some of | 21 | l | deciding 25.4 for this customer versus the 7.1 |
| 22 | the increase has been - | 22 | 2 | for the domestic customer, and I just how |
| 23 | MS. DAWSON: | 23 | 3 | do you decide what percentage of each or maybe |
| 24 | Q. Has already started? | 24 | | this is not the right forum for that? |
| 25 | MR. FAGAN: | 25 | 5 (10: | 15 a.m.) |
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| 1 | A. On an interim basis, correct. | 1 | | FAGAN: |
| 2 | MS. DAWSON: | 2 | | . No, it's the right forum. |
| 3 | Q. Okay. So there was a little there was a | 3 | | DAWSON: |
| 4 | discussion between you and Mr. Johnson | 4 | | . How does one then how do you get to 7.1 |
| 5 | yesterday about the idea of gradualism and, | 5 | | here and 4.3 here and 5.6 here? Is it a, I |
| 6 | you know, doing such an increase in increments | | | guess, a percentage of the cost of service? |
| 7 | and I'm going to suggest to you that 25 | 7 | | Is this how that goes? |
| 8 | given I understand what you've said, but | | | FAGAN: |
| 9 | the 25.4 is quite dramatic in this case for | 9 | | . Let me go through each one of them. Still |
| 10 | this particular customer or customers in this | 10 | | with the government one first, okay. So the |
| 11 | class, would it not? | 11 | | government one is actually probably simpler. |
| | MR. FAGAN: | 12 | | So, the rates currently in place are based on |
| 13 | A. I don't disagree. However, back in the I | 13 | | 2007 test year and so when we created a new |
| 14 | don't know if it was '92 or '95, but the | 14 | | test year, we derived new unit costs for the |
| 15 | review of rural rates over the years has two - | 15 | | government customers in each of the classes |
| 16 | - there was a rural rate inquiry back in '95, | 16 | | and those are the rates that are proposed for |
| 17 | and one of the items came out of that was | 17 | | government. We take those rates and apply it |
| 18 | and it looked at practices across the country | 18 | | to our forecast consumption for 2015, both |
| 19 20 | that one way of reducing the rural deficit | 19 | | existing rates and get the revenue under |
| 20 | paid by the customers was to have government | | | existing and then we apply the proposed rates |
| 21 | institutions, RCMP for example, those types of | 21 | | coming out of the cost of service study and we |
| 22 | customers, paying full cost rates. So, the | 22 | | come up with the revenue on the proposed and |
| 23 | gradualism approach, had they had increases | 23 | | effectively, a mathematical calculation gets |
| 24 | from 2007 on up through like other customers | 24 | | you the rate increase proposed for the |
| 25 | had, the rate increase proposed wouldn't be as | 25 | , | government customers. So theirs is simpler. |

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| 1 | Let's go now to before I get to | - | 1 | A. They'll be your rates. The | - |
| 2 | Isolated Systems, I want to get to the | | 2 | costs. | |
| 3 | percent, which would be the basis fir | st before | 3 | MS. DAWSON: | |
| 4 | you get up to the seven percent. | | 4 | Q. Okay. | |
| 5 | So Hydro designs a rate to recov | er its | 5 | MR. FAGAN: | |
| 6 | costs from Newfoundland Power and | I from that we | 6 | A. They're the basis for a port | ion of the rates |
| 7 | come up with an estimated increase | e in its | 7 | to customers on the Labrado | or Isolated Systems. |
| 8 | wholesale rate to Newfoundland Po | ower. We | 8 | They're not based - | |
| 9 | estimate the impact of our rate prop | osal on | 9 | MS. DAWSON: | |
| 10 | the customers of Newfoundland Pow | ver. So, we | 10 | Q. Well, the Labrador Intercon | nected. |
| 11 | talk to Newfoundland Power and say | "well, what 1 | 11 | MR. FAGAN: | |
| 12 | proportion of your costs are purchas | ses from 1 | 12 | A. Well, let me finish first and | l then we'll get |
| 13 | Hydro?" and based on our discussion | is, we come 1 | 13 | to the Isolated Systems first | • |
| 14 | up with say 67.5 percent, so about tw | vo-thirds. 1 | 14 | MS. DAWSON: | |
| 15 | So, and so we say okay, the net effec | t of the 1 | 15 | Q. Okay. | |
| 16 | changes for Newfoundland Power | | 16 | MR. FAGAN: | |
| 17 | we went to I think it's Exhibit 3, p | age 1 | 17 | A. So the Rural Island Interco | nnected rates, so |
| 18 | Exhibit 13, page three of 109 again. | I don't 1 | 18 | we're talking about Hydro's | s customers on the |
| 19 | know if it's quite there, but it may | be up 1 | 19 | Great Northern Peninsula, | for example. If |
| 20 | further. I think this one provides the | actual 2 | 20 | Newfoundland Power's wh | olesale rate goes up |
| 21 | rate changes. No, let's go to I think | tit's 2 | 21 | 4.1 percent, then Newfor | undland Power's |
| 22 | page 4.51 of the evidence to the A | xmended 2 | 22 | customer rates are estimate | ed to go up 2.8 |
| 23 | Application, 4.50. | 2 | 23 | percent. So because their | customer rates |
| 24 | So, when we come up with the | we have a 2 | 24 | would go up 2.8 percent, Hy | ydro would increase |
| 25 | in Newfoundland Power, we have | what we call 2 | 25 | its rural customer rates 2.8 p | percent. So that |
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| 1 | a base rate, but I mentioned the ra | - | 1 | 2.8 percent remember wh | |
| 2 | that occur year over year with res | - | 2 | if we could go back to | |
| 3 | stabilization adjustments due to fu | - | 3 | domestic bill for Innu-004, | • • • |
| 4 | So without getting into the com | | 4 | 12 in Attachment 3 probab | • |
| 5 | that, the total firm NP, if we go ov | | 5 | cents, okay. So if there wa | |
| 6 | far right, has a calculation of the | | 6 | rate change to Newfoundlar | |
| 7 | billings for Newfoundland Powe | | 7 | of 2.8 percent, then that first | - |
| 8 | existing rates versus the proposed | | 8 | would increase 2.8 percent | |
| 9 | the rate change is 4.1 percent. | | 9 | Labrador Isolated System as | |
| 10 | mentioned that Newfoundland Po | | 10 | well, the second block price | e would increase |
| 11 | cost from Hydro make up about | | 11 | the same percentage. | |
| 12 | that, so if we took two-thirds of | | 12 | But there's actually a s | • |
| 13 | 67.5 percent, you'd get to 2.8 per | | 13 | be careful about the blocks | |
| 14 | is under Rural Island Interconne | | 14 | schedules, there's actually t | |
| 15 | just below Canadian Forces Good | • | 15 | there's the months of Feb | • • |
| 16 | So that 2.8 percent is an estimate | | 16 | February and December, the | |
| 17 | for Rural Island Interconnected C | | 17 | there's 1,000 kilowatt ho | |
| I | MS. DAWSON: | | 18 | everything above that is price | - |
| 19 | Q. Based on see, this is where I ge | | 19 | price of 17 cents. If you c | |
| 20 | confused. You're basing our die | | 20 | summer bill, which there m | • |
| 21 | our cost of the system, right, our | | 21 | further on, the it may be | |
| 22 | having a plant and the plant givin | | 22 | kilowatt hours. There's diff | |
| 23 | Nain electricity based on Newfou | | 23 | in the rate schedule in which | h that first block |
| 24 | rates, which are not our rates, righ | | 24 | price applies to. | 00.1.11 |
| 25 | MR. FAGAN: | 2 | 25 | But all in all, the first 1,0 | 00 kilowatt |

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| 1 | hours, the energy rate that applies to the | | 1 | 4.1 percent. So I think if we go to response |
| 2 | first 1,000 kilowatt hours would increase a | at | 2 | to - |
| 3 | the same percentage as Newfoundland Po | ower's | 3 | MS. DAWSON: |
| 4 | customer rate increases, 2.8 percent. It's | | 4 | Q. I think if you go to 107, PUB-NLH-107. I |
| 5 | actually sorry, it would it's the same | | 5 | don't know if that's where you're thinking. |
| 6 | rate as Newfoundland Power's rate that res | sults | 6 | MR. FAGAN: |
| 7 | from the 2.8 percent increase, just so I'm | 1 | 7 | A. I was going to go to yeah, we can go to |
| | clear. So that 11.171 cents at the date of | | 8 | |
| 9 | this schedule would be the same rate as | a | 9 | |
| 0 | Newfoundland Power customer pays. By | ut if | 10 | |
| | there's a 2.8 percent increase and it went | | 11 | energy rate, that's that 17 cents we're |
| | across all components, that would go up8 | | 12 | |
| | percent. So we set that rate to be the same | | 13 | MS. DAWSON: |
| | as Newfoundland Power's. The highest r | | 14 | |
| | which is the 17.083 cents we apply the ave | | | MR. FAGAN: |
| | increase to Newfoundland Power's appl | 0 | 16 | |
| | Newfoundland Power's customers to that h | - | 17 | 2007. |
| | block. | - | 18 | MS. DAWSON: |
| 9 | So that's the normal way of getting the | | 19 | Q. That's the non-lifeline portion? |
| | rate for the Labrador Isolated Systems. In | n | 20 | MR. FAGAN: |
| | this particular proceeding, the proposed | | 21 | A. Right, that 17 cents a kilowatt hour. As a |
| | increase is higher. Part of it's the 2. 8 | | 22 | - |
| | percent and you referred to, I believe it wa | | 23 | previous GRA. I mentioned the automatic |
| | the 7.1 percent for domestic customers. | | 24 | |
| | DAWSON: | | 25 | |
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| 1 Q. | Actually, I don't know, do you want to for | - | 1 | |
| | on the 7.1 or do you want to focus on what | | 2 | |
| | actually going to happen? Because 7.1 is r | | 3 | |
| | quite correct, right? | | 4 | |
| 5 MR. F | | | 5 | |
| | Yeah. I'd like to go there first just so that | | 6 | |
| | we can go through the math of how we | get | 7 | |
| | there. | ger | 8 | |
| | DAWSON: | | 9 | |
| | Okay. So I'm going to refer you to your p | age | 10 | |
| | in the application, the GRA Application, pa | - | 10 | It was reflected in Hydro's revenue |
| | 1.6R is where you'll find all the rates and | - | 11 | |
| | then I'd like to we can go through that | | 12 | so that the rate increase proposed effectively |
| | before we get into the 11 because it | | 13 14 | |
| | actually goes to 11.4, not 7.1, but maybe v | | 14 15 | perspective. So Hydro recovered those funds |
| | should start here first. | | 15 16 | |
| 7 MR. F | | | 10 | |
| | | | | - |
| | Yeah, I think that's good. | | 18 10 | the rural deficit up for any other customers. MS. DAWSON: |
| | DAWSON: I think that might be better At least it'll | | | |
| | I think that might be better. At least it'll be better for me. | | 20 | |
| | | | 21 | understand, is about paying about \$400,000 a |
| 22 MR. F | | | 22 | 5 |
| | Yeah, okay. So the 7 so in this particula | | | MR. FAGAN: |
| | schedule for both Island and Labrador Isol | | 24 | , I |
| 25 | Systems, okay, for the 2015 test year, it's | | 25 | time, okay. So, they've continued to pay that |

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| 1 | amount. So, the but so what's in Hydro's | 1 | 1 Q. | Okay. |
| 2 | application reflects the elimination of that | 2 | 2 MR. I | FAGAN: |
| 3 | funding by government and putting that 15 | 3 | 3 A. | So the rate increase for the general service |
| 4 | percent increase on that tail block rate or | 4 | 4 | customers proposed in the Amended Application |
| 5 | that non-lifeline rate, and the 15 percent | 5 | 5 | was around 18-19 percent. |
| 6 | increase on the non-lifeline rate causes the | 6 | 6 MS. I | DAWSON: |
| 7 | 2.8 percent increase which would apply if it | 7 | 7 Q. | Okay. |
| 8 | was if that if we hadn't had this | 8 | 8 MR. I | FAGAN: |
| 9 | deferred charge effect, goes from 2.8 percent | 9 | 9 A. | So that's getting from the 2.8 that would |
| 10 | up to the 7.1 percent. So 4.3 percent of the | 10 | | normally occur, but compounding the effect of |
| 11 | increase for the domestic customers is because | 11 | | the delayed increase that was being funded by |
| 12 | of bringing that carrying that forward from | 12 | | the government for the period 2007 and |
| 13 | 2007 test year into the 2015 test year. | 13 | | continuing now with an Order in Council that |
| | . DAWSON: | 14 | | supposedly would expire at the end of this |
| | Q. Okay. So the 7.1 increase that you mentioned | 15 | | year. |
| 16 | in the GRA filing includes or catches up or | | | DAWSON: |
| 17 | includes the 15 percent deferred since 2007? | 17 | | For the 15 percent deferral, okay. But |
| 18 | It's been deferred every year since 2007 and | 18 | | eventually, we actually do have to pay 11.4, |
| 19 | the government has been paying Hydro on or | 19 | | right, on the domestic? |
| 20 | about \$400,000 every year in lieu of that | | | FAGAN: |
| 20 | deferred rate increase? | 20 | | Is that in PUB-NLH-485? What's the source of |
| | | | | |
| | R. FAGAN: | 22 | | your 11.4? |
| | A. That's correct. | | | DAWSON: |
| | DAWSON: | 24 | | PUB-107. |
| 25 | Q. Okay. So again, your because we'll get | | 5 MR. I | FAGAN: |
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| 1 | more into this but the so the 7.1 does | 1 | | Oh. Your calculation of 11.4 percent is |
| 2 | recognize now the 15 percent deferral? | 2 | 2 | reflecting the Northern Strategic Plan. |
| | R. FAGAN: | 3 | | DAWSON: |
| 4 | A. Yes. | 4 | 4 Q. | Now I'm going to get you to - |
| 5 MS | . DAWSON: | 5 | 5 MR. F | FAGAN: |
| 6 | Q. Okay. Then I'll let you go ahead. | 6 | 6 A. | Explain that part? |
| 7 MF | R. FAGAN: | 7 | 7 MS. I | DAWSON: |
| 8 | A. And that also impacts the general service | 8 | 8 Q. | Well, I'm going to get you to start from the |
| 9 | customers on the diesel system. The general | 9 | 9 | beginning on this particular RFI. So, you've |
| 10 | service customers on the diesel system, when | 10 | 0 | already talked to us about the 15 percent |
| 1 | we look I don't know if we looked at it, | 11 | 1 | deferral, the 15 percent rate change. You've |
| 2 | but it doesn't have a lifeline block. We | 12 | 2 | talked to us about that. And then you've |
| 13 | actually did look at some of them, but there's | 13 | | talked to us about the 4.2 which is what it |
| 14 | no lifeline block on the general service. So, | 14 | | should the increase should be, right, what |
| 15 | the 15 percent would have went on the energy | 15 | | it is for, I guess, for Newfoundland Power |
| 16 | charge in the general service customers, I | 16 | | customers. |
| 17 | think maybe the energy and the demand charges. | | | FAGAN: |
| 18 | So there's a full so it's the full 15 | 18 | | Okay. |
| 19 | percent on the general service rate whereas on | | | DAWSON: |
| | the domestic rate, the impact is not as | 20 | | Okay. Now the 2.8 is connected to the 4.2, is |
| 20 | material because it's it's still material, | 20 | | it not? |
| 21 | | | | |
| 22 | but it's not as material, because it was only | | | 30 a.m.) |
| 23 | applying to the non-lifeline portion of the | | | FAGAN: |
| 24 | charge. | 24 | | Let me just look at this for a moment. |
| 5 MS | . DAWSON: | 25 | 5 MS. I | DAWSON: |

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| 1 | Q. This is where I get really confused with t | | 1 MR | FAGAN: |
| 2 | particular because I'm not sure where | | 2 A | The 11.4 is an estimated bill impact for |
| 3 | 11.4 comes from. Maybe I shouldn't be | adding | 3 | customers as a result of the fact because the |
| 4 | any of the figures at all. | | 4 | customers on the Labrador Isolated Systems |
| - | R. FAGAN: | | 5 | receive a price, a reduced price for their |
| 6 | A. The 4.2 is not the Newfoundland Power I | | 6 | lifeline block because of the Northern |
| 7 | The 4.2 is the overall average impact on | | 7 | Strategic Plan. So the rates we looked at |
| 8 | customer rates of the 15 percent. Because | | 8 | if we could go back to your Innu 4, please, |
| 9 | 15 percent is only applying to the nor | | 9 | Attachment 3, page 1 of 12? So the Labrador |
| 10 | lifeline portion, if you took that and | | 0 | Coast Electricity Rebate, the \$87.44 that's |
| 11 | expressed the dollar effect of the 15 perce | | 1 | shown there. |
| 12 | as a proportion of the total revenues, you | | | DAWSON: |
| 13 | come up with the 4.2. | 1 | |). Yes. |
| | . DAWSON: | | | FAGAN: |
| | Q. Okay. | 1 | | A. Okay. So, the 11.171 cents per kilowatt hour |
| | R FAGAN: | | 6 7 | is Newfoundland Power's residential customer rate, and there's also the basic customer |
| | A. So the 4.2 is the, I'll call it the bump up | | | • |
| 18 | resulting from the 15, because if you look | | | charge, which is Newfoundland Power's basic customer charge of \$15.68. The Labrador |
| 19 | your total bill, the 15 percent is only belonging to a portion of it. So the total | 1 | | Interconnected rate has a lower basic customer |
| 20 21 | bill increase is 4.2 because of the 15 perc | | 20 | charge by about eight dollars. It's got a |
| 21 | on the non-lifeline block. | | | lower energy charge of slightly more than |
| | . DAWSON: | 2 | | seven cents a kilowatt hour. So the Northern |
| | Q. Okay. | 2 | | Strategic Plan allows those lower rates to |
| | R. FAGAN: | 2 | | apply to the basic customer charge and that |
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| 1 | A. So that's the 4.2. Then there's 2.8 which | • | 1 | first block energy charge and come up with a |
| 1 . 2 | would be the proposed increase fo | | 1 2 | credit which is referred to as the Labrador |
| 2 | Newfoundland Power's customers and the | | 2 | Coast Electricity Rebate here of \$87.44. So |
| 4 | compounding effect of the 4.2 and the 2.8 | | 4 | effectively, the customers for that first |
| 5 | you to 7.1 percent. | 0 | 5 | 1,000 kilowatt hours are paying more in the |
| | . DAWSON: | | 6 | neighbourhood of slightly around three cents a |
| | Q. Okay. So how do I get to 11.4? | | 7 | kilowatt hour and a lower basic customer |
| | R FAGAN: | | 8 | charge which may be I think around seven |
| | A. Well, life's not easy on some of this stuf | | 9 | dollars. So that so if you made those |
| 10 | The Northern Strategic Plan is not part | | 0 | adjustments to the customer and so the base |
| 11 | Hydro's rates, okay. So Hydro's rates | | | is different, so you end up with a different |
| 12 | when we propose our rates, we propose | | 2 | percentage impact because so, if you reduce |
| 13 | based on our accepted practices and so, | | | their bill reflecting the Northern Strategic |
| 14 | government policy that's in rural rates an | | 4 | Plan and Hydro is proposing a 15 percent |
| 15 | approved by the Board, so we follow the | | | increase on the non-lifeline portion of the |
| 16 | practices. | | 6 | rate, which the Northern Strategic Plan |
| 17 MS | . DAWSON: | 1 | 7 | doesn't apply, it drives up the effective rate |
| 18 | Q. So all things being equal, if we were ju | st 1 | 8 | increase for the customers. |
| 19 | going to go with your methodology and r | | 9 MS. | DAWSON: |
| 20 | else, it would be 7.1? | | 20 Q |). So, you're asking the PUB to increase the |
| 21 MR | R. FAGAN: | 2 | | rates by 7.1 or 11.4? That's my question. |
| 22 . | A. 7.1 is what the impact on Hydro's reven | nues 2 | 2 MR | FAGAN: |
| 23 | are, okay. | 2 | .3 A | A. 7.1. The effective impact on a customer's |
| 24 MS | . DAWSON: | 2 | .4 | bill because they received the Northern |
| 25 | Q. Right. | 2 | 5 | Strategic Plan approved by government is |

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| higher on a percentage basis, but that's | only 1 | 1 percentage basis, but the effect of the | |
| because their rate is much lower if you | take 2 | 2 Northern Strategic Plan have to be looked | |
| into account the Northern Strategic Plar | 1. But 3 | 3 you've got to look at two sides of it, I | |
| what Hydro is proposing is 7.1. | 4 | 4 guess. But from a customer who's ultimate | |
| AWSON: | 5 | 5 customer paying their bill, the effect of the | |
| But the effect of that is 11.4, an increase | e of ϵ | 6 increase will be 11.4. | |
| 11.4? | 7 | 7 MS. DAWSON: | |
| AGAN: | 8 | 8 Q. Now do you want to explain a little bit in | |
| Yes, from a percentage basis, but it can | be a 9 | 9 detail for the Board what the Northern | |
| little misleading because the dollar effe | ct of 10 | 10 Strategic Plan is all about. What was it for | |
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| paving are much lower than the average | ze bill 13 | 13 A. I don't know if I can comment on that other | |
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| AWSON: | | 7 MS. DAWSON: | |
| Right. They don't care if it comes fi | rom 8 | 8 Q. The deferral, the 15 percent deferral relates | |
| wherever. At the end of the day wher | 1 they 9 | 9 to above the lifeline? | |
| look at their bill, they're paying 11.4 | 4 10 | 10 MR. FAGAN: | |
| percent more. The rate increase is 11.4 | more 11 | 11 A. That's correct. | |
| is what I'm saying to you. | 12 | 12 MS. DAWSON: | |
| AGAN: | 13 | 13 Q. Right. But the Northern Strategic Plan just | |
| I agree. | 14 | relates to the lifeline block? | |
| AWSON: | 15 | 15 MR. FAGAN: | |
| Okay. | | 16 A. Yes, that's correct. | |
| AGAN: | 17 | 17 MS. DAWSON: | |
| AUAN. | 1, | | |
| | g at 18 | 18 O. Okav. | |
| It's just from the perspective of looking | - | | |
| It's just from the perspective of looking the size of their bills. I mean with the | e 19 | 19 MR. FAGAN: | |
| It's just from the perspective of looking the size of their bills. I mean with the Northern Strategic Plan, a customer or | e 19 n the 20 | 19 MR. FAGAN:20 A. Now, the I lost my train of thought. | |
| It's just from the perspective of looking the size of their bills. I mean with the Northern Strategic Plan, a customer or Labrador Isolated System may be able t | e 19 n the 20 to use up 21 | MR. FAGAN: A. Now, the I lost my train of thought. That's okay, you go ahead. | |
| It's just from the perspective of looking the size of their bills. I mean with the Northern Strategic Plan, a customer or Labrador Isolated System may be able t to, you know, 15 more than 15 kild | e 19 n the 20 to use up 21 owatt 22 | MR. FAGAN: A. Now, the I lost my train of thought. That's okay, you go ahead. MS. DAWSON: | |
| It's just from the perspective of looking the size of their bills. I mean with the Northern Strategic Plan, a customer or Labrador Isolated System may be able t | e 19 n the 20 to use up 21 owatt 22 maybe 23 | MR. FAGAN: A. Now, the I lost my train of thought. That's okay, you go ahead. MS. DAWSON: Q. Now, now that we've gone through all of this. | |
| | into account the Northern Strategic Plar what Hydro is proposing is 7.1. AWSON: But the effect of that is 11.4, an increase 11.4? AGAN: Yes, from a percentage basis, but it can little misleading because the dollar effect it, the dollar impacts when you look at dollar the bills that the customers at paying are much lower than the average that Hydro would compute for the cu- because it doesn't take into account of Northern Strategic Plan. So the percen- yes, it is 11.4. AWSON: Right. AGAN: But it's not Hydro's proposed increase customers is 7.1. AWSON: Yes, but I guess what I'm saying to you a person gets their bill, right, the average everyday person gets a bill, the effect w be 11.4. They don't really care where comes from. AGAN: I agree. AWSON: Right. They don't care if it comes fr wherever. At the end of the day wher look at their bill, they're paying 11.4 percent more. The rate increase is 11.4 is what I'm saying to you. 'AGAN: | into account the Northern Strategic Plan. But what Hydro is proposing is 7.1. AWSON: But the effect of that is 11.4, an increase of 11.4? AGAN: Yes, from a percentage basis, but it can be a little misleading because the dollar effect of it, the dollar impacts when you look at the dollar the bills that the customers are paying are much lower than the average bill that Hydro would compute for the customer because it doesn't take into account the Northern Strategic Plan. So the percentage, yes, it is 11.4. AWSON: Right. AGAN: But it's not Hydro's proposed increase to customers. Hydro's proposed increase to the customers is 7.1. AWSON: Yes, but I guess what I'm saying to you, when Page 62 a person gets their bill, right, the average everyday person gets a bill, the effect will be 11.4. They don't care if it comes from wherever. At the end of the day when they look at their bill, they're paying 11.4 percent more. The rate increase is 11.4 more is what I'm saying to you. 'AGAN: | into account the Northern Strategic Plan. But what Hydro is proposing is 7.1. wawson:3you've got to look at two sides of it, I guess. But from a customer who's ultimate customer paying their bill, the effect of the increase will be 11.4.11.4? AGAN:7MS.DAWSON:20. Now do you want to explain a little bit in yes, from a percentage basis, but it can be a little misleading because the dollar effect of it, the dollar impacts when you look at the dollar the bills that the customers are paying are much lower than the average bill that Hydro would compute for the customer because it doesn't take into account the Northern Strategic Plan. So the percentage, yes, it is 11.4.3you've got to look at two sides of it, I guess. But from a customer who's ultimate customers is 7.1.AGAN: But it's not Hydro's proposed increase to customers is 7.1.8Q. Now do you want to explain a little bit in of the Board what the Northern Strategic Plan. So the percentage, its 11.4.Page 62 a person gets heir bill, right, the average everyday person gets a bill, the effect will be 11.4. They don't care if it comes from Right.3you've got to look at two sides of it, I guess. But from a customers is 11.4 more in the customers is 11.4 more is what I'm saying to you.Page 62 a person gets a bill, the effect will be flat. They don't care if it comes from wherever. At the end of the day when they look at their bill, they're paying 11.4 percent more. The rate increase is 11.4 more is what I'm saying to you.3N. FAGAN: percent more. The rate increase is 11.4 more is what I'm saying to you.AGAN: 10Q. Right. But the Northern Strategic Plan justAGAN: <b< td=""></b<> |

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| 1 | think that's me. There's been some | | 1 | | you mentioned yesterday when you did your |
| 2 | discussion, particularly between Mr. Johnson | | 2 | , | when you did the tour of Newfoundland on rural |
| 3 | and you and others and you, about transparence | y | 3 | 1 | rates. There was an issue that you raised and |
| 4 | and bills and I'm going to suggest to you that | | 4 | | I'm going to bring it up again. That at least |
| 5 | it would be impossible to explain any of this | | 5 | ; | as it relates to Labrador, there's great |
| 6 | in a bill to anyone what you've just walked me | e | 6 | , | wealth of resources there, either through |
| 7 | through. | | 7 | (| Churchill Falls and now through Muskrat Falls, |
| 8 N | IR. FAGAN: | | 8 | 1 | to the tune of, I think, a development to the |
| 9 | A. It wouldn't be easy. | | 9 | 1 | tune of, is it 700 no, it's over seven |
| 10 N | IS. DAWSON: | | 10 | 1 | billion now for Muskrat Falls. So it's a |
| 11 | Q. No. | | 11 | | great wealth of resources that at least people |
| 12 N | IR. FAGAN: | | 12 | i | in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador |
| 13 | A. No. | | 13 | ; | are going to benefit, but the people in |
| 14 N | IS. DAWSON: | | 14 | | Nunatsiavut will not benefit from any of that |
| 15 | Q. So if we're going to tell people about the 15 | | 15 | | development. So, I put that in the context of |
| 16 | percent deferral and the Northern Strategic | | 16 | | what your comments were yesterday. They say, |
| 17 | and then we're going to tell the Isolated | | 17 | | yes, we pay we contribute to the rural |
| 18 | communities one set of ideas, that you're | | 18 | | deficit, but you guys are here developing our |
| 19 | getting a benefit, and the people who are | | 19 | | hydroelectric resources or our falls and yet |
| 20 | paying, then we'll get into the rural deficit | | 20 | | we're not getting any benefit of it. So why |
| 21 | and all that. It's going to get confusing if | | 21 | | would you ever put it on a bill, right? |
| 22 | you want to explain all this with the idea of | | | | AGAN: |
| 23 | transparency, right? | | 23 | А. | Yes, certainly, that's definitely the |
| | IR. FAGAN: | | 24 | | perspective of the customers that I've met in |
| 25 | A. I agree, and I indicated yesterday that it | | 25 | - | the Isolated Systems. |
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| 1 | gets it makes it even more difficult if | 0 | 1 | MS. D | AWSON: |
| 2 | you're trying to apply give a different | | 2 | Q. | Okay. Now I think I just have a few follow |
| 3 | message to two groups about the rural deficit, | | 3 | | up. Yes, there is a in the Amended GRA, |
| 4 | if you want to talk to one group about how | | 4 | | there is a new idea of an isolated system |
| 5 | they're being subsidized and another group | | 5 | : | supply cost deferral account. |
| 6 | about how they're subsidizing someone else. I | | 6 | | AGAN: |
| 7 | was talking to someone from Newfoundland Power | r | 7 | A. | Okay. |
| 8 | yesterday and we were talking about what | | 8 | | AWSON: |
| 9 | happened back in 1996 when Newfoundland Powe | r | 9 | Q. | Could you explain that to me, please, how that |
| 10 | proposed it and it was customers saying that's | | 10 | | would work? |
| 11 | fine, you can identify it as a separate | | 11 | MR. F | AGAN: |
| 12 | charge, but we just won't pay it. So, quite | | 12 | | Okay. It's strictly a price variance deferral |
| 13 | often you could end up with a collection issue | | 13 | | account. We've I believe it's in one of |
| 14 | by identifying some new charge that's not | | 14 | | the finance schedules at the back of the |
| 15 | associated with providing service to the | | 15 | | evidence. It's in the Finance evidence. |
| 16 | customers of Newfoundland Power that they | | | | AWSON: |
| 17 | they'd say but that is not about me providing | | 17 | | 1.11R I have. |
| 18 | a service, so I'm not paying that portion of | | | - | AGAN: |
| 19 | the charge. I've had customers tell me that | | 19 | | It's also in Finance Schedule 6. I think we |
| 20 | on a couple of occasions with regard to | | 20 | | might have passed it. No, that's the |
| 21 | certain charges. So, it's an important | | 21 | | that's in okay, we're getting there. |
| 22 | component when you look at the transparency | | 22 | | That's it. |
| 23 | that it can create some other issues. | | 23 | | So if we it's always easy to get A |
| 1 | IS. DAWSON: | | 23 | 1 | times B minus C, it sounds fairly simple, but |
| 25 | Q. And I'm going to suggest and something that | | 25 | | you got to look at the definitions. So, we |
| Ľ | Company and to suggest and something that | | | | |

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| 1 | look at the the purpose is to look at the | 1 | year, then Hydro would recover the costs and |
| 2 | actual cost, so if we look at B first. We | 2 | of course, if the price of fuel went down. |
| 3 | look at the actual cost of fuel supplied in a | 3 | But we're at a stage now that we're at a lower |
| 4 | year divided by the kilowatt hours and we come | 4 | cost period, so setting the test year based on |
| 5 | up with an average cost, average actual cost | 5 | lower cost period is a fairly large risk for |
| 6 | of purchases, and as well as fuel, so | 6 | Hydro because one would anticipate that fuel |
| 7 | production, and we compare it to the test year | 7 | prices will go back up and Hydro will incur |
| 8 | costs, average costs, and multiply that by the | 8 | the additional cost of supplying fuel to the |
| 9 | actual supplied kilowatt hours. So, we come | 9 | diesel areas. So this effectively would |
| 10 | up with a dollar effect of the change in the | 10 | provide savings to customers or savings to |
| 11 | cost of supplying the isolated systems. | 11 | Hydro, depending on the direction of where |
| 12 | So, we have a certain forecast in our | 12 | fuel goes, relative to the forecast in the |
| 13 | test year for purposes of rate setting and we | 13 | test year. |
| 14 | talked about a change in fuel forecast | 14 | (10:45 a.m.) |
| 15 | yesterday. So when Hydro filed its Amended | 15 | MS. DAWSON: |
| 16 | Application, it was based on \$93.32 and that | 16 | Q. Yes, but which customers are you benefitting |
| 17 | was No. 6 fuel, which is the price is | 17 | here? You're not suggesting the isolated |
| 18 | correlated to the No. 2 fuel that's used in | 18 | communities. You're going to benefit the |
| 19 | the Isolated Systems, okay. It's not direct | 19 | rural deficit people who pay into the rural |
| 20 | correlation, but it's related. So if the cost | 20 | deficit? |
| 21 | of one goes up, usually the cost of the other | 21 | MR. FAGAN: |
| 22 | goes up or down. So they generally follow in | 22 | A. If the price is set too high and there's |
| 23 | direction. | 23 | savings, then the savings would flow through |
| 24 | So, what this mechanism would do is if | 24 | to the customers that pay the rural deficit, |
| 25 | the price of fuel went up before the next test | 25 | but if it resulted in a rate change, |
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| 1 | year, each year, Hydro would determine what | 1 | contribute to a lower rate to their customers, |
| 2 | the effect of that price change would be and | 2 | then that flows through through the as a |
| 3 | file an application for recovery of those | 3 | rate change to the Isolated System customers |
| 4 | costs. I think it's in the subsequent year, | 4 | as well. |
| 5 | prior to March 1st, for recovery of those | 5 | MS. DAWSON: |
| 6 | costs to be recovered from customers | 6 | Q. So we could benefit? |
| 7 | eventually, which would include any customers | 7 | MR. FAGAN: |
| 8 | who are paying the rural deficit, and the | 8 | A. Yes, you could. It depends on the direction. |
| 9 | effect of that would be flowed through to | 9 | It could be a cost increase if the price goes |
| 10 | other customers whose rates are impacted by | 10 | up or it could be a cost decrease if the price |
| 11 | Newfoundland Power. | 11 | goes down. |
| 12 | So this is just strictly about how it's | 12 | MS. DAWSON: |
| 13 | recovered. It doesn't get to the next stages | 13 | |
| 14 | of how it would be dealt with after it's put | 14 | e ; |
| 15 | in deferral account for the Board would | 15 | let's say the price goes down, but the |
| 16 | approve some recovery mechanism for it. So, | 16 | 5 7 1 |
| 17 | if the price of fuel we've got a price, a | 17 | |
| 18 | fairly high price in our test year. If the | 18 | |
| 19 | price declined, then the savings go back to | 19 | benefit of a rate reduction? |
| 20 | customers. If we change the fuel price | | MR. FAGAN: |
| 21 | forecast to reflect a more recent price with | 21 | A. There's the automatic rate adjustment that |
| 22 | say the \$70 we discussed yesterday and also a | 22 | 2 |
| 23 | lower diesel fuel price, assuming the | 23 | 1 |
| 24 | relationship is consistent, then if the price | 24 | I · · |
| 25 | of fuel goes up relative to the approved test | 25 | Power flows it through to their customers |

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| 1 | through their rate stabilization account. I'd | 1 | 1 | time, if the price of fuel just went up or |
| 2 | assume deferral account charges or savings | 2 | 2 | down and on average stayed the same, on a |
| 3 | flow through to Newfoundland Power which | 3 | 3 | cumulative basis it probably wouldn't shift |
| 4 | currently happens with Hydro's rate | 4 | 4 | risk. What it would result in would be more |
| 5 | stabilization. This would be the same | 4 | 5 | of a stabilization of rates. So I think Mr. |
| 6 | approach and so the savings from this, it | (| 6 | Patrick Bowman talked about rate |
| 7 | would flow through to Isolated Systems as | | 7 | stabilization. So this is similar to a rate |
| 8 | well, if there was savings or additional | 8 | 8 | stabilization plan but from an Isolated System |
| 9 | costs. | 9 | 9 | perspective. That it's giving so it |
| 10 1 | MS. DAWSON: | 10 | 0 | doesn't necessarily because the utility |
| 11 | Q. And why what was the thinking behind | 11 | 1 | could get less if Hydro didn't have a |
| 12 | putting this in place at this time? Because | 12 | 2 | maximum on its earnings type thing, they could |
| 13 | it's new. | 13 | 3 | make a lot more money in some years for |
| 14] | MR. FAGAN: | 14 | 4 | savings but incur a lot more costs in other |
| 15 | A. Well - | 15 | 5 | years. The cumulative effect over the years |
| 16 1 | MS. DAWSON: | 10 | 6 | may be zero, but with regard to reporting in a |
| 17 | Q. Does it relate to the rate - | 17 | 7 | single year, it could be material. So I think |
| 18] | MR. FAGAN: | 18 | 8 | most parties would probably say it would |
| 19 | A. If you go to the Finance evidence, I think | 19 | 9 | reduce risk for Hydro, but Hydro believes it's |
| 20 | there's a chart which shows the fuel price | 20 | 0 | appropriate with respect to providing |
| 21 | variances. I think Mr. Henderson may have | 21 | 1 | reasonable cost recovery of providing service. |
| 22 | referred to it earlier. Page 3.47, Section 3: | 22 | | DAWSON: |
| 23 | Finance. So, when Hydro's rates were set in | 23 | | . I suppose, I guess my thinking is this, that |
| 24 | 2007, in 2007 the cost per litre of diesel | 24 | 4 | at least in since I've been buying gas, the |
| 25 | fuel was just over mid 50 cents per litre. | 25 | 5 | fuel rates or diesel rates or fuel rates are |
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| 1 | Then between 2008 and 2009, it went up to | 1 | 1 | always going up and down and that hasn't |
| 2 | \$1.10. So Hydro incurred those costs, | 2 | 2 | changed since I've been putting gas in my car |
| 3 | additional costs over that period and wouldn't | - | 3 | or diesel in a vehicle. So how is it |
| 4 | have received any recovery. Then there was | | 4 | different in 2015, right now, versus years - |
| 5 | also the price dropped down to about 50 cents | | | FAGAN: |
| 6 | in early 2009, so the savings that would have | | | . With respect to fuel, the Board approves price |
| 7 | occurred during that period, Hydro would have | | 7 | changes to reflect the changes in costs so |
| 8 | achieved some savings. If you had a deferral | | 8 | that the company selling it recover their |
| 9 | account in play, the additional costs for a | | 9 | costs. In our case, the fuel price goes up |
| 10 | period would accumulate and go against the | 10 | | for Hydro, but Hydro doesn't get to change the |
| 11 | savings if it's within the same period. But | 11 | | price its charging its customers for it, so we |
| 12 | over time, since 2007, the average cost per | 12 | | don't recover the costs. |
| 13 | litre has gone from just over 55 cents per | | | DAWSON: |
| 14 | litre up to looks like mid 90s. So Hydro has | 14 | | No, and I understand that, but my question is |
| 15 | been incurring those costs and not getting | 15 | | why at this date are you looking for this and |
| 16 | recovery through its rates from its customers. | 10 | | you did not look for it in 2007 and I'm going |
| 17 | So that's the reason we're proposing it at | 17 | | to suggest it's because you're shifting the |
| 18 | this time. | 18 | | risk from shareholder to or from yeah, |
| | MS. DAWSON: | 19 | | from the shareholder to the customers. |
| 20 | Q. But I guess to draw on something that Mr. | 20 | | They're going to bear the risk for this now. |
| 21 | Johnson related to earlier, this then would be | | | FAGAN: |
| 22 | a shift of risk then from the more to the | 22 | | Well, I think there's a lot of things that |
| 23 | customer versus the shareholder? | 23 | | have gone on since 2007 with respect to supply |
| | MR. FAGAN: | 24 | | cost variances and when we talked yesterday |
| 25 | A. Well, I think on a cumulative basis, over | 25 | 5 | about the rate stabilization plan where Hydro |

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| 1 | doesn't increase its earnings based on | 1 | 1 | settlement agreement. You've already been |
| 2 | increased energy sales from customers, okay. | 2 | 2 | asked some questions on those. My question is |
| 3 | And there's capital investment. There's | | 3 | with respect to the marginal cost study |
| 4 | increasing in the system. So there's a lot | 2 | 4 | scheduled to be filed by the end of this year |
| 5 | more cost pressures for Hydro with regard to | 4 | 5 | and the two for next year, the cost of service |
| 6 | the increased capital investment. If we look | 6 | 5 | study by March 31st, 2016 and the report on |
| 7 | back to 2007 and prior years, I think the | | 7 | supply cost recovery mechanisms by June 15th, |
| 8 | capital budgets were materially lower than are | e 8 | 8 | 2016. Could you please advise the Board where |
| 9 | currently going before the Board. So you got | ç | 9 | Hydro is with the current schedule for those |
| 10 | your depreciation costs, your return on your | 10 | | studies and if you are on schedule? |
| 11 | investment. We've got aging assets referred | | | FAGAN: |
| 12 | to by Mr. Martin and Mr. Henderson. So, we' | ve 12 | 2 A. | The marginal cost study, so we've engaged a |
| 13 | got a lot of other costs to try and manage. | 13 | | consultant, Christensen Associates, to |
| 14 | So when you look at all that increased costs | 14 | | complete the marginal cost study for us. We |
| 15 | then now looking at the price variability | 15 | | initially had NERA, National Economic Research |
| 16 | that's been experienced that we think it's | 16 | | Associates, review the methodology that they |
| 17 | appropriate that we address this now to | 17 | | would recommend because they did the last |
| 18 | provide a more consistent stream of earnings | 18 | | marginal cost study. So they came forward |
| 19 | going forward. | 19 | | with a recommendation on an approach, which |
| | MS. DAWSON: | 20 | | was consistent with the approach they |
| 21 | Q. Okay. Thank you. That's all the questions I | 21 | | recommended back in 2007, assuming |
| 22 | have. | 22 | | interconnection with Labrador. And so, we |
| 1 | CHAIRMAN: | 23 | | were in the so we circulated all of that to Newfoundland Power as well for their comments |
| 24 25 | Q. Now I move to do you want to take your break now or what do you want to do? Or do | we 25 | | before we proceeded, and so once we settled on |
| 23 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |) | |
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| $\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$ | want to finish off Mr. Fagan? Not literally | | | an approach, we then engaged Christensen who came up to Hydro and we've been in meetings |
| $\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$ | now, but you know. | | 2 | and went through data gathering, information |
| 4 | MR. FAGAN: A. Getting there. | | | gathering exercise and they're continuing to |
| | MS. GLYNN: | | 4 5 | provide a list of information required. I |
| 6 | Q. Ms. Greene has indicated that she would take | | 5 | think within the next week or so, hopefully |
| 7 | longer than five minutes, so I think the half- | | 7 | we'll have all the information required for |
| 8 | hour break at this point. | | , 8 | Christensen to complete the marginal cost |
| | CHAIRMAN: | | 9 | study. But as of now, we believe we're still |
| 10 | Q. Okay. So we'll adjourn. | 10 | | on schedule for that one. |
| 11 | (BREAK - 10:54 a.m.) | | | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 12 | (RESUME - 11:33 a.m.) | 12 | | Okay. |
| | CHAIRMAN: | | | FAGAN: |
| 14 | Q. So Madam, you are on. | 14 | | The cost of service methodology, we sat down |
| 15 | MR. KEVIN FAGAN, CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MAUREEN GREENE, | 15 | | and well, at the time when we were sitting |
| | Q.C. | 16 | | down and defining the scope of the cost of |
| 1 | GREENE, Q.C.: | 17 | 7 | service methodology, we were also in |
| 18 | Q. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good morning, Mr. | 18 | | settlement negotiations and so we've made sure |
| 19 | Fagan. | 19 | 9 | that the cost of service methodology scope |
| 20 | MR. FAGAN: | 20 |) | reflects the settlement agreements, and we've |
| 21 | A. Good morning, Ms. Greene. | 21 | 1 | got we've had discussions on the approach |
| 22 | GREENE, Q.C.: | 22 | 2 | by Christensen on that particular study. |
| 23 | Q. I wanted to first talk about the future | 23 | 3 | They'll be doing that as well. They're a |
| 24 | regulatory studies that Hydro has agreed the | 24 | 4 | fairly large firm. They've got about I |
| 25 | schedule for filing as set out in the | 25 | 5 | believe 55 consultants, so they've got a lot |

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| 1 | of resources. So that one, we don't have any | 1 | GREENE, Q.C.: | |
| 2 | reason to believe that that one will be behind | 2 | Q. There's Tab | ble 4.15. There we go, yes. So |
| 3 | schedule. I believe it's currently on | 3 | this was in 1 | Hydro's Amended Application that |
| 4 | schedule. | 4 | was filed in | November 2014. Is that correct? |
| 5 | The rate design review, we've defined the | 5 | MR. FAGAN: | |
| 6 | scope of the rate design review with respect | 6 | A. That's corre | ect. |
| 7 | to at this stage dealing with Industrial | 7 | GREENE, Q.C.: | |
| 8 | Customer rates and the wholesale rate. It's | 8 | | we see Hydro was proposing at that |
| 9 | not a review of retail rates at this stage. | 9 | | ewfoundland Power, after an RSP |
| 10 | So, Christensen has reviewed all the contracts | 10 | | an overall increase of 4.1 |
| 11 | with respect to purchases of Muskrat Falls | 11 | | that correct? |
| 12 | power and that combined with the information | 12 | MR. FAGAN: | |
| 13 | as we get the marginal cost study completed | 13 | A. Yes. | |
| 14 | and the cost of service methodology review | 14 | GREENE, Q.C.: | |
| 15 | will be used in the rate design review. So, | 15 | | as based on your proposed \$93 and |
| 16 | that aspect we believe is it's a tight | 16 | | cents for No. 6 fuel? Is that |
| 17 | schedule, but we still think we can meet the | 17 | correct? | |
| 18 | schedule. | 18 | MR. FAGAN: | |
| 19 | The supply cost recovery mechanism | 19 | | ect. |
| 20 | review, that one, we've done a little bit of | 20 | GREENE, Q.C.: | |
| 21 | education with respect to the rate | 21 | | media in this hearing, we've heard |
| 22 | stabilization plan, but that one, we're | 22 | | of 2.8 percent being proposed. |
| 23 | putting as a fairly high priority with respect | 23 | - | rcent, is it correct to say that |
| 24 | to having Christensen review all the contracts | 24 | | s from this, your original |
| 25 | and all the flow through of costs once | 25 | application | ? That the 4.1 percent would |
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| 1 | Labrador Interconnection proceeds to determine | e 1 | | to 2.8 percent at the end consumer |
| 2 | how costs will vary into the future and flow | 2 | level? | |
| 3 | through to Hydro and to be proposed for | 3 | MR. FAGAN: | |
| 4 | recovery. So analysing the cost variances | 4 | | ect. It's an estimated number, but |
| 5 | with respect to capital and how capital | 5 | <u> </u> | low. |
| 6 | investments are dealt with versus operating | 6 | GREENE, Q.C.: | |
| 7 | costs versus purchases if hydraulics on the | 7 | | this morning you said it's roughly |
| 8 | island is above or below normal, analysing | 8 | | s flow through? |
| 9 | that aspect of it to come up with some | | MR. FAGAN: | |
| 10 | assessment of what mechanisms are required in | | | ect. |
| 11 | the future. So that one is at the preliminary | | GREENE, Q.C.: | |
| 12 | stages, but we still think we can meet the | 12 | · · | at that time, you were also looking |
| 13 | schedule. | 13 | | se of 39.2 percent for Industrial |
| | EENE, Q.C.: | 14 | | Is that correct? |
| | 2. Thank you. I wanted to talk to you now about | | MR. FAGAN: | |
| 16 | the rate increases that Hydro is seeking | 16 | , | correct. |
| 17 | approval of in this application, and if we | | GREENE, Q.C.: | |
| 18 | could turn first, please, to Table 4.15 in | 18 | | t take you through the others, but |
| 19 | your application? | 19 | | that you've also indicated the |
| | . FAGAN: | 20 | | ncreases you were seeking in |
| | A. Is that at page 4.50? | 21 | | of 2014 based on your application for |
| | EENE, Q.C.: | 22 | • | tomer classes. What I wanted to |
| | Q. I don't have the page number here. | 23 | | o go to PUB-NLH-485 and this was a |
| | GRAY: | 24 | | t to Hydro by the Board to ask |
| 25 Q | Q. Yes, it is. | 25 | Hydro to re | eflect the impact of the interim |

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| 1 | order and the change in rates that happened on | 1 | 1 through a fuel rider. I think it's probably |
| 2 | July 1, and the question was asked in terms of | 2 | 2 more appropriate that you do it through a test |
| 3 | your price for No. 6 fuel of \$93, which is | 3 | 3 year price difference from a with respect |
| 4 | still in your application and that's Table | 4 | 4 to how we do rate design and stuff, I think it |
| 5 | 1, so if we could look at Table 1, Mr. Fagan. | 5 | 5 makes more sense. But, so from so it would |
| 6 | So am I correct in saying that this is | 6 | 6 be anticipated by Hydro that whether it's done |
| 7 | the comparison we should make to your original | 7 | 7 through a fuel rider or through a test year |
| 8 | filing, your original table, the 4.15 that we | 8 | 8 price adjustment that the customer impacts |
| 9 | just looked at? | 9 | 9 would be less than presented here, because of |
| 10 | MR. FAGAN: | 10 | 0 the new fuel price forecast that will be filed |
| 11 | A. Yes. As a result of the July 1st rate change, | 11 | 1 next week. |
| 12 | which was a decrease for customers in the | 12 | 2 GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 13 | neighbourhood of around five percent, that the | 13 | 3 Q. And then we'll come to that, I guess. One of |
| 14 | of course, with the proposed rates that | 14 | 4 to put it in context, one of the reasons |
| 15 | were put forward in November still reflecting | 15 | 5 for asking the question was there was the |
| 16 | the \$93 a barrel, the increase for | 16 | 6 confusion as to what Hydro's proposal actually |
| 17 | Newfoundland Power on the wholesale rate would | 17 | 7 is with respect to the rate increase. There |
| 18 | have went from 4.1 to 10.3 and on a retail | 18 | |
| 19 | level would have went from 2.8 to 7.0. | 19 | 9 here it's more like seven percent at the end |
| 20 | GREENE, Q.C.: | 20 | 0 consumer level, on an apples to apples |
| 21 | Q. Right. So based on the application that Hydro | 21 | 1 comparison to your application. |
| 22 | has filed, the application as you just | 22 | 2 MR. FAGAN: |
| 23 | mentioned, is proposing the 10.3 percent for | 23 | 66 |
| 24 | Newfoundland Power, which is roughly seven | 24 | 5 |
| 25 | percent at the end consumer level? Is that | 25 | 5 knowing that the fuel price change that's |
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| 1 | correct? Do we cover the revenue requirement | 1 | |
| 2 | that you have included in your application | 2 | 57 |
| 3 | which hasn't been amended? | 3 | 1 5 8 |
| 4 | MR. FAGAN: | 4 | |
| 5 | A. That's right. And that's the one that's | 5 | I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I |
| 6 | reflecting the fuel price of approximately | 6 | |
| 7 | \$93. | 7 | 8 |
| 8 | GREENE, Q.C.: | 8 | 6 |
| 9 | Q. Okay. | | 9 GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 10 | MR. FAGAN: | 10 | |
| 11 | A. Fuel cost. | 11 | 1 |
| | GREENE, Q.C.: | 12 | 1 1 |
| 13 | Q. And is that what Hydro's proposal is before | 13 | |
| 14 | the Board? | 14 | |
| | MR. FAGAN: | | 5 MR. FAGAN: |
| 16 | A. That's the current application. However, I | 16 | 5 |
| 17 | mean, I've looked back at previous general | | 7 GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 18 | rate applications and the Board well, | 18 | |
| 19 | within the rate stabilization plan rules, | 19 | 1 1 2 |
| 20 | there is a requirement that if a more current fuel price forecast is on the record, then | | 0 (11:45 a.m.) 1 MR. FAGAN: |
| 21 | fuel price forecast is on the record, then it's reflected in an application before the | | |
| 22 23 | Board, that the Board would use that for | 22 23 | |
| I | establishing customer rates. Now, the rate | | |
| 24 | stabilization plan provides it to be done | 24 | C C |
| 25 | stautilization plan provides it to be done | 25 | s with respect to the specifically assigned |

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| 1 charge for the Industrial Customers, we didr | n't | 1 | there's been no changes in Industrial Customer |
| 2 think just a if we recommended a single | | | rates since 2007, so the process hasn't |
| 3 change item from what was in the original | | | necessarily been clear to everybody, but once |
| 4 application, we didn't think it was necessary | | | the year end balances are established for the |
| 5 to or most effective to fully amend the | | | rate stabilization plan, Hydro would file its |
| 6 application for that. | | | application in January to reflect the fuel |
| 7 GREENE, Q.C.: | , | | price that was put out there in October. So, |
| 8 Q. We'll come to the specifically assigned | | | you wait 'til you get the full year end |
| 9 charge, but on fuel price? | | | numbers. So, we're saying well, that process |
| 10 MR. FAGAN: | 10 | | really doesn't work with respect to getting |
| 11 A. Yes, I agree with what you said. | 1 | | something in in January. So we're trying to |
| 12 GREENE, Q.C.: | 12 | | develop an approach to get rates in effect for |
| 13 Q. Okay. So when we look at Table 2, that wi | | | Industrial Customers for January 1st and so |
| 14 show the impact if the price used in the | | | we'll be providing additional information and |
| 15 interim rate application of \$73.75 a barrel is | | | in discussions with all the parties, including |
| 16 used? Is that correct? | , 1. | | Board staff on that. |
| 17 MR. FAGAN: | | | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 17 MR. FAGAN. 18 A. Yes. | 18 | | So with respect to the question of Hydro's |
| | 19 | | proposal on fuel price to be used - |
| 19 GREENE, Q.C.: | | | FAGAN: |
| 20 Q. And you've given evidence and you'll be fil | 0 | | |
| 21 a new fuel forecast that is showing a forecast for $2016 \text{ of } 670.00$ new here for No. (field) | | | We do agree that the fuel price of \$69.00, |
| 22 for 2016 of \$70.00 per barrel for No. 6 fuel? | | | between 69 and \$70, is appropriate for rates |
| 23 Is that correct? | 23 | | for 2016. There's a question we may want to |
| 24 MR. FAGAN: | 24 | | use a different one for 2015 for purposes of |
| 25 A. Approximately. Between 69 and 70. | 25 | .5 | the RSP run for '15, the net income deficiency |
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| 1 GREENE, Q.C.: | | | for '15. |
| 2 Q. And will Hydro be proposing that that fuel | 1 2 | | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 3 price be the one accepted by the Board? | | - | And we'll come to the 2014 and 2015 revenue |
| 4 MR. FAGAN: | | | deficiencies. |
| 5 A. One of the things I'd say yes, but I just | : | | FAGAN: |
| 6 want to explain it a little bit. And we've | | | Okay. |
| 7 discussed a little bit about desirability to | | | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 8 have rates for January 1st for Industrial | | | So if you stay with me with respect to this, |
| 9 Customers as well. So, as well as we talked | | | so the information is that this was based on |
| about the revenue deficiency for 2015 that the | | | the \$73.00 a barrel, so it is more |
| 11 rates that the Board approved July 1st deals | | | representative of what may happen, assuming |
| 12 with Newfoundland Power's and not Indust | trial 12 | | that Hydro's proposed revenue requirement is |
| 13 Customers. So, Hydro is currently looking a | | 3 | fully accepted by the Board? |
| 14 what should be done for January 1st and just | | 4 MR. I | FAGAN: |
| 15 gathering the information and talked to Mr | : 1: | 5 A. | Yes, that's correct. |
| 16 Coxworthy yesterday with respect to RSP at | nd 10 | 6 GREE | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 17 we'll talk with the Industrial Customers | 17 | 7 Q. | Okay. So here we would see at \$73.00 a |
| 18 before we file anything with respect to a plan | in 18 | 8 | barrel, there would actually, given the RSP |
| 19 for that. But, so we've so really | 19 | 9 | adjustment, a decrease proposed for |
| 20 gathering the information with respect to tha | at 20 | 0 | Newfoundland Power and a smaller increase for |
| 21 proposal. | 2 | 1 | the Industrial Customers? Is that correct? |
| Because normally what we file for the | 22 | 2 MR. I | FAGAN: |
| 23 Industrial Customers is actually the fuel | 23 | 3 A. | Yes. |
| 24 price protection initially not an application, | 24 | 4 GREE | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 25 okay. The application unfortunately | 25 | 5 Q. | When does Hydro hope to be in a position to |

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| 1 provide an update with respect to the propo | osed 1 | |
| 2 fuel price it will be proposing? | | 2 GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 3 MR. FAGAN: | 3 | |
| 4 A. I think there's a requirement that we file | 4 | |
| 5 within ten working days, first ten working | g 5 | |
| 6 days of October. So that would be fairly | - | |
| 7 soon. | | 7 MR. FAGAN: |
| 8 GREENE, Q.C.: | 8 | |
| 9 Q. And maybe I misunderstood. I understood | _ | 9 GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 10 you may not be you're under advisemen | | |
| 11 to whether that specific price will be the | 11 | |
| 12 price that you're suggesting for the January | | · · · · · · |
| adjustment for Industrial Customers. | 1 12 | |
| | | • |
| 14 MR. FAGAN: | 14 the 15 | |
| 15 A. Well, we will proceed with providing that, | | |
| 16 actual price information within the schedule | | 5 |
| 17 time. With regard to the impacts on the tes | | |
| 18 year because I think if we're going to be | | |
| 19 adjusting the test year for that, you'd also | 19 | |
| 20 want to be looking at what the most recen | | 5 |
| 21 diesel fuel price forecast was as well. So, I | 21 | 5 |
| 22 was anticipating we would provide the | | |
| 23 information reflecting the fuel price | 23 | |
| 24 differential, but and if we could, and had | | |
| all the information in time, we could come | up 25 | 5 MR. FAGAN: |
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| 1 with what an estimated impact on test yea | ar 1 | A. Well, Grant Thornton has completed its report |
| 2 revenue requirement would be with respec | t to 2 | 2 reviewing Hydro's 2014 costs and provided its |
| 3 both numbers, both No. 2 and No. 6 fuel. 3 | So 3 | report on that, so and that the Board will |
| 4 I've got people working on coming up w | vith 4 | hear has heard some evidence and will hear |
| 5 those. | 5 | 5 more evidence on Hydro's costs and basis for |
| 6 GREENE, Q.C.: | 6 | the costs, cost management. So the Board, my |
| 7 Q. And I understood that and I guess my quest | tion 7 | view that the Board would rule on what a |
| 8 was an estimate of timing when the informa | ation 8 | reasonable 2014 test year revenue requirement |
| 9 would be available for the parties and the | 9 | |
| 10 Board. | |) GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 11 MR. FAGAN: | 11 | |
| 12 A. Hopefully it would be within the first ten | | |
| 13 days, working days of October, so we could | | - |
| 14 it all within the regular timeframe. | 14 | |
| 15 GREENE, Q.C.: | 15 | - |
| 16 Q. Okay. So turning to the 2014 revenue | | |
| 17 deficiency, you already indicated that you | | 7 MR. FAGAN: |
| 18 involvement, as I understood it, was with | | |
| 19 respect to how the deficiency, whatever th | | |
| 20 amount the Board approves is, would b | | |
| 21 recovered as opposed to how it was calcula | | |
| 22 Is that correct? | 22 22 | - |
| 23 MR. FAGAN: | 22 23 | |
| 24 A. Yeah, my role was more focused on recove | | |
| - | - | • |
| the amount that would be determined by t | uie 23 | 5 GREENE, Q.C.: |

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| 1 | Q. So if in the Prudence Review it is | determined | 1 | A. It was anticipated | the 70 percent was based |
| 2 | that certain actual costs which w | ere spent 2 | 2 | on looking at oth | er jurisdictions and what |
| 3 | were imprudent, would that mean | that the Board | 3 | they would achie | eve when requesting interim |
| 4 | would ignore the fact that fa | ct when | 4 | rates. So, Hydro | proposed interim rates with |
| 5 | looking at your 2014 forecast cost | ? 5 | 5 | the anticipation of | of having them implemented |
| 6 | MR. FAGAN: | 6 | 6 | earlier. I don't | - I'm not sure if it was |
| 7 | A. I think the Board would want to le | ook at I'd | 7 | March or April, b | out earlier, in an earlier |
| 8 | look at the 2014 test year as Hydr | o presented 8 | 8 | period, earlier d | late than was actually |
| 9 | its forecast based on five months | actual and | 9 | achieved. So, the | e delay in implementation of |
| 10 | seven months forecast. If one in | f a lot of 10 | 0 | interim rates up | to July resulted in an |
| 11 | additional costs were incurred in | the latter 11 | 1 | increased deficier | ncy beyond the 70 percent. |
| 12 | half of 2014 for certain projects th | nat weren't 12 | 2 | Even if so who | en we filed that, it was |
| 13 | reflected in the test year, then | Hydro 13 | 3 | Hydro's it was | in anticipation that Hydro |
| 14 | incurred those costs in 2014 and | didn't get 14 | 4 | would have an or | rder for prior to the end of |
| 15 | recovery of those costs through h | igher rates 15 | 5 | this year. Now w | ve're looking at maybe not |
| 16 | anyway. So, those are they ha | ven't been 16 | 6 | having a final or | der until next year. So, |
| 17 | put before the Board for review, s | o if Liberty 17 | 7 | it's more about th | at the schedule has gone on |
| 18 | reviewed those costs and said Hyd | dro shouldn't 18 | 8 | longer. But now, | we recognize that we're not |
| 19 | get recovery and removed them f | rom the 45.9 19 | 9 | going to have an a | approval prior to the end of |
| 20 | million deficiency which never in | cluded those 20 | 0 | 2015, whether a | 70 percent recovery of our |
| 21 | costs to me it would be effective | ly double 21 | 1 | revenue deficienc | y wouldn't be reasonable for |
| 22 | counting of the costs because Hyd | Iro would have 22 | 2 | financials for 201 | 5. |
| 23 | already incurred the costs and | not got 23 | 3 | GREENE, Q.C.: | |
| 24 | recovery. So if you took it out | of the 24 | 4 | Q. Now the 70 perce | ent was based on, in part, it's |
| 25 | revenue requirement for '14, th | ney'd be 25 | 5 | my recollection, t | hat it was because there was |
| | | Page 98 | | | Page 100 |
| 1 | penalized twice. | 1 | 1 | a number of items | s that were contentious in the |
| 2 | GREENE, Q.C.: | 2 | 2 | revenue requirem | ent and that parties were |
| 3 | Q. This may be a question that's bet | | 3 | • | course of this proceeding |
| 4 | Finance Panel, but is it Hydro's p | | 4 | - | it wouldn't be appropriate |
| 5 | the 2014 forecast deficiency is no | ot going to 5 | 5 | | ll amount of your forecast |
| 6 | be updated, the 45.9 million? | | 6 | • | that part of your rationale? |
| 7 | MR. FAGAN: | 7 | 7 | MR. FAGAN: | |
| 8 | A. It's my understanding it's not, bu | • | 8 | • | vas more about practice. |
| 9 | just double check with the Financ | e Panel. | 9 | | usly contentious items and I |
| 10 | GREENE, Q.C.: | 10 | 0 | • | ear on the record where |
| 11 | Q. Turning to the 2015 revenue det | • | 1 | • • | eed with some items and not |
| 12 | wonder if we could go to the tra | · | 2 | - | hers. But I think the dollar |
| 13 | October 5th, page 138, and it's l | | | - | cent of the proposed change in |
| 14 | through 17, and I'll give you a mo | | | - | ent would probably be well |
| 15 | it. So this relates to the application | - | | - | any amount that would |
| 16 | has made to defer costs from 2015 | | | | lowed based on a Board review |
| 17 | recover them later. In listening a | | | of Hydro's costs. | |
| 18 | reading the transcript, we didn | - | | GREENE, Q.C.: | -0 |
| 19 | understand why if you were loo | - | | | 70 percent come from? |
| 20 | percent at the time you filed, bu | | | MR. FAGAN: | |
| 21 | matter is not dealt with soon, as | | | | king at other utilities and |
| 22 | closer to year end, you may need | | | | erim rates about the general - |
| 23 | application to get a higher proport | | | | ne percentage that would be |
| 24 | forecast revenue deficiency. | 24 | | | recovery of interim rates |
| 25 | MR. FAGAN: | 25 | 5 | prior to full testin | g of the costs. |

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| 1 GREENE, Q.C.: | 1 | Q. The 2015 test year which is a forecast, it |
| 2 Q. Right. So the 70 percent came from the | 2 | would be the same, is it, that it would be |
| 3 practice in other jurisdictions to take into | 3 | generally the test year would not be adjusted |
| 4 account the fact that the revenue requirement | 4 | except following the Board's decision as to |
| 5 may be reduced through the Board process? | 5 | what would be reasonable expenses or other |
| 6 (12:00 p.m.) | 6 | decisions on issues that are before them? |
| 7 MR. FAGAN: | 7 N | MR. FAGAN: |
| 8 A. Right. | 8 | A. Yes. The only thing, and I mentioned it in my |
| 9 GREENE, Q.C.: | 9 | opening statement with regard to looking at |
| 10 Q. Okay. | 10 | 2015 net income deficiency different, and we |
| 11 MR. FAGAN: | 11 | need if you want to look forward and see if |
| 12 A. Now Hydro hasn't we're reviewing it. We | 12 | rates are reasonable for 2016, but you're |
| 13 only started discussions on this last week. I | 13 | probably going there next. |
| 14 was speaking with the general manager and | 14 C | GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 15 we're talking about, okay, the 2015 | 15 | Q. Yes, so perhaps if you look at the transcript |
| application hasn't been addressed, so we need | 16 | for that, October 5th, page 111. I'm just |
| 17 to sit back and look, look at this and see if | 17 | going to ask you to explain that. So |
| 18 we need to make a change and determine where | | generally you wouldn't adjust the test year, |
| 19 the application is and determine where we go | 19 | except when the Board does with respect to |
| from here. We haven't sat down and actually | 20 | whatever they allow or disallow based on the |
| determined what we're doing with respect to | 21 | evidence in the hearing? |
| this yet. | 22 N | MR. FAGAN: |
| 23 GREENE, Q.C.: | 23 | A. I agree. |
| 24 Q. And that was actually my next question. Would | | GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 25 you have any understanding at this time of the | 25 | Q. Okay. |
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| 1 time period in which you may be filing an | 1 N | MR. FAGAN: |
| 2 amended application or making that decision | 2 | A. But I provided the example of the Holyrood |
| 3 whether to file or not file? | 3 | combustion turbine in my opening statement. |
| 4 MR. FAGAN: | 4 | So, the Holyrood combustion turbine, when the |
| 5 A. I think it'll probably be have to be | 5 | 2015 test year was developed, it was assumed |
| 6 decided in the next few weeks. We want to | 6 | that the Holyrood combustion turbine would be |
| 7 give the Board time to review and have proper | 7 | in service in December. So, the full cost of |
| 8 process. | 8 | the Holyrood combustion turbine are reflected |
| 9 GREENE, Q.C.: | 9 | in the test year revenue requirement. There |
| Q. With respect to the 2014 revenue deficiency, | 10 | was delayed implementation, so I'm not sure |
| you've already explained it's Hydro's position | 11 | of the exact date, maybe late January or |
| 12 that the test year forecast is the one that | 12 | February before it got in in service. So, |
| should be used and from your perspective, it | 13 | what normally would occur in calculating the |
| 14 shouldn't be adjusted. Is that I | 14 | rate base, you'd take the Holyrood combustion |
| 15 understood your answer previously, is that | 15 | turbine out of the opening balance in rate |
| 16 correct? | 16 | base because it was assumed for purposes of |
| 17 MR. FAGAN: | 17 | the test year to be in the opening balance. |
| A. For evaluating recovery of costs for 2015, | 18 | So that would reduce the rate base and therefore have an impact on the raturn and |
| 19 yes. | 19 | therefore have an impact on the return and |
| 20 GREENE, Q.C.: | 20 | return mostly, I guess maybe some depreciation |
| Q. So the 2015 proposed revenue deficiency | 21 | expense as well because of delayed |
| 22 SOTTY - | 22 | implementation. So that would reduce the |
| 23 MR. FAGAN: | 23 | revenue requirement for 2015. |
| A. Forecast. | 24 | However, due to delayed rate |
| 25 GREENE, Q.C.: | 25 | implementation that we may not have rates go |

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| 1 | early '16, then the Holyrood combustion | n | 1 | A. Well, we I think we probably should provide |
| 2 | turbine would be in service for all of the | | 2 | some information on what the impact of that |
| 3 | year, the rate year, rather than the test | | 3 | adjustment would be to the Board so that they |
| 4 | year. So Hydro believes it's reasonable that | t | 4 | would be quite clear in determining the 2016, |
| 5 | it should recover the full cost associated | | 5 | the adjustment to rate base for that. |
| 6 | with the Holyrood combustion turbine beca | ause | 6 | GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 7 | it's in service for the whole period in which | | 7 | Q. Okay. So I take it then that Hydro would be |
| 8 | the rates are being applied. So if the Board | | 8 | submitting a proposal to more fully explain |
| 9 | approved an exclusion of that for I'll call it | | 9 | that. |
| 10 | half year adjustment because it wouldn't ha | ve 1 | 10 | MR. FAGAN: |
| 11 | been in the opening balance, Hydro would | | 1 | A. Do you call that an undertaking? |
| 12 | forced to maybe a potential five million | | 12 | GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 13 | dollar impact or more, be incurring that cost | | 13 | Q. No, I'd consider it an amendment to your |
| 14 | over the next two years until the next genera | | 14 | application. |
| 15 | rate application. So we wouldn't be | | 15 | MR. FAGAN: |
| 16 | recovering the full cost associated with the | 1 | 16 | A. Amendment, okay. |
| 17 | Holyrood combustion turbine. So that's wh | ny I 1 | 17 (| GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 18 | was trying to make a distinction with regard | d 1 | 8 | Q. Or further clarification of your application, |
| 19 | to capital assets for purposes they may wan | | 19 | whichever Hydro would prefer to call it. |
| 20 | to consider in rate base that you may need to | o 2 | 20 1 | MR. FAGAN: |
| 21 | want to adjust rate base for determining | 2 | 21 | A. Certainly we're planning on discussing it in |
| 22 | revenue requirement for rate setting separate | e 2 | 22 | final argument, but I think it would be proper |
| 23 | from revenue requirement for determining | the 2 | 23 | to have the clear impact of it. I know a lot |
| 24 | 2015 net income deficiency. | 2 | 24 | of it is presented actually in the response to |
| 25 (| GREENE, Q.C.: | 2 | 25 | the RFI that we talked about. I believe it's |
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| 1 | Q. And is Hydro going to propose that | <u> </u> | 1 | PUB-487. Anyway, that's only fairly high |
| 2 | specifically to the Board as an adjustment | ; | 2 | level summary. We'd want to give more detailed |
| 3 | that they are proposing? | | 3 | information to the Board on that. |
| 41 | MR. FAGAN: | | 4 (| GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 5 | A. Yes, we will. | | 5 | Q. Okay, now Mr. Patrick Bowman suggested another |
| 6 (| GREENE, Q.C.: | | 6 | change to reflect the financing cost |
| 7 | Q. Are there any other adjustments that Hydro | is | 7 | associated with the RSP surplus refund. |
| 8 | thinking about at this point in time? | | 8 | MR. FAGAN: |
| 91 | MR. FAGAN: | | 9 | A. Yes, I understand his proposal, but I think |
| 10 | A. We've only been mainly only talking real | lly 1 | 0 | that one you'd have to deal with Mr. Pelley in |
| 11 | about the capital because that's the biggest | - | 1 | the Finance Panel on that one. |
| 12 | piece of the cost. So Hydro has proposed n | no 1 | 12 | GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 13 | other adjustments. I mean, rates will be | | 13 | Q. But I took - has Hydro considered that |
| 14 | going in for '16 reflecting 2015 costs that | 1 | 14 | suggestion or proposal from the industrial |
| 15 | are from an operating perspective. That in | 1 1 | 15 | customers? |
| 16 | itself is a productivity allowance | | 6 | MR. FAGAN: |
| 17 | effectively. But this is the only issue that | 1 | 17 | A. Hydro has, but there's a - we view that as |
| 18 | Hydro has been presenting because it's such | ha 1 | 8 | singling out one particular item on the |
| 19 | material issue with regard to revenue | | 9 | finance side versus other cost increase items, |
| 20 | requirement for Hydro. | 2 | 20 | so I think we wouldn't agree with Mr. Patrick |
| | GREENE, Q.C.: | | 21 | Bowman on that particular recommendation. |
| 22 | Q. And you will be bringing forward a propos | sal 2 | 22 | GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 23 | with respect to that, I understood your | | 23 | Q. I'm sorry, you wouldn't agree? |
| 24 | answer, or do we take it from your evidence | e? 2 | 24 | MR. FAGAN: |
| 100 1 | MR. FAGAN: | | 25 | A. We wouldn't, no, we wouldn't. |

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| 1 GREENE, Q.C.: | 1 GRE | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 2 Q. So at this point in time, the discussion w | ve've $2 Q$. | So it's your view of that. Has government - |
| 3 just had on the combustion turbine is the | e only 3 | or has Hydro had any discussions with |
| 4 change Hydro has identified that it will | be 4 | government about this concept of affordable |
| 5 seeking with respect to the 2015 test yea | r? 5 | electricity rates and what it means for |
| 6 MR. FAGAN: | 6 | customers? Let's start with you, have you in |
| 7 A. Well, I think - my example was the com | bustion 7 | your role as Manager of Rates, have you had |
| 8 turbine, but I think we were talking | g 8 | any discussions? |
| 9 specifically about capital assets. Gran | nt 9 MR. I | FAGAN: |
| 10 Thornton's Report recommended adjust | ting the 10 A. | I've had discussions - |
| 11 2015 test year for capital assets that were | en't 11 GREE | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 12 - the projects weren't finished in '14 at | - | With government about affordable electricity |
| 13 were carried into '15. So we viewed it sh | nould 13 | rates and what it means for rural customers? |
| 14 be appropriate for all the capital projects | . 14 MR. I | FAGAN: |
| 15 GREENE, Q.C.: | 15 A. | Well, every few weeks there's usually a |
| 16 Q. So it's all of those capital, not just the C | Г? 16 | meeting between Hydro and representatives of |
| 17 MR. FAGAN: | 17 | government on different issues, and so rates |
| 18 A. Yeah. | 18 | issues come up occasionally, so I'm requested |
| 19 GREENE, Q.C.: | 19 | to attend and discuss rates issues that are |
| 20 Q. So turning to another topic which is ru | | active and often in the general rate |
| 21 rates, and Mr. Dawson did cover with yo | | proceeding, and so we talk about the rural |
| 22 of the questions that I did have for you | on 22 | subsidy and the impact on customers, but I |
| 23 this, but I still have a few. First I'd like | 23 | don't know if anyone has ever specifically |
| to bring you to the transcript of October | | used the words with regard to that's what the |
| at page 87, line 22. So you were describ | bing 25 | direction is somewhat. It's more my |
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| 1 the rural deficit and in lines 22 to 24, ye | | assessment of what the effect is. |
| 2 said, "Government policy on rural rates | | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 3 based on providing affordable electricity | | And in those discussions with government with |
| 4 customers on Hydro's rural systems". | 4 | respect to rural rates, who would have |
| 5 MR. FAGAN: | 5 | attended on behalf of Hydro? |
| 6 A. That's my view. | | FAGAN: |
| 7 GREENE, Q.C.: | | It would have been me. |
| 8 Q. I was going to ask you the basis for th | | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 9 statement? | - | Only you? |
| 10 MR. FAGAN: | 10 MR. I | |
| 11 A. Well - | | Well, what we do - you've got a number of |
| 12 GREENE, Q.C.: | 12 | issues to be dealt with my government in the |
| 13 Q. Is it in any of the Orders in Council that | | meeting, and so different people come in at |
| 14 on file for the hearing from the government | | different times to deal with their area. So |
| 15 with respect to rural rates, their rational | | when it's on the rates aspect, I'm there and |
| 16 for why they gave direction? | 16 | usually someone from shareholder relations may |
| 17 MR. FAGAN: | 17 | be there. |
| 18 A. I don't think so. | | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 19 GREENE, Q.C.: | | So it's you and customer relations? |
| 20 Q. No. | 20 MR. I | |
| 21 MR. FAGAN: | | No, I think they're called Corporate and |
| 22 A. No. Mine was only based on the fact that | | Shareholder - it's Ms. Dalley's group. |
| 23 average cost is 80 cents, and the effect | | ENE, Q.C.: |
| 24 the policy is more about my view | | So coming back to the statement here with |
| 25 affordable. | 25 | respect to that, that's your conclusion, your |

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| 1 own personal conclusion bec | ause there's | 1 GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 2 nothing you can refer us to as to | o a statement 2 | 2 Q. So if we come to the island interconnected |
| 3 for the basis for government po | olicy, is there? | 3 system customers, I wonder if we could look at |
| 4 MR. FAGAN: | 4 | 4 NP-NLH-035, Revision 2, and this was a |
| 5 A. I thought there was something | - 5 | 5 question for the revenue to cost ratios for |
| 6 GREENE, Q.C.: | 6 | 6 the systems by year. So if we could go to the |
| 7 Q. I'll help you out. It's not in an | ny of the 7 | 7 next page. We see for the island |
| 8 Orders in Council that are on fi | le. 8 | 8 interconnected system, the one we were just |
| 9 MR. FAGAN: | 9 | 9 discussing, the revenue to cost ratio is .67, |
| 10 A. I thought there was something | in - I don't 10 | so those customers are roughly paying two- |
| 11 know if it's in the Electrical Po | ower Control 11 | thirds of the cost of serving, and is that |
| 12 Act that talks about customer | s in similar 12 | 12 correct? |
| 13 circumstances paying, you kno | w, same rates, 13 | 13 MR. FAGAN: |
| 14 there may be some statement th | nere. 14 | A. Yes, based on 2015 test year, that was the |
| 15 GREENE, Q.C.: | 15 | 15 forecast. |
| 16 Q. That's a general statement in the | he Electrical 16 | 16 GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 17 Power Control Act, and how | rates are set 17 | Q. Yes. Now you've also mentioned in your |
| 18 generally? | 18 | testimony this week with respect to |
| 19 MR. FAGAN: | 19 | 19 preferential rates, and by preferential rate, |
| 20 A. Right, so I don't know whether | that would be a 20 | I mean a customer - a rural customer who |
| 21 view that if it's domestic cu | istomer, a 21 | receives a lower rate than another customer |
| 22 Newfoundland Power domestic | c customer or a 22 | receiving the same service in the rural area. |
| 23 Hydro domestic customer of | n the island 23 | Is there any customer in the island |
| 24 interconnected system, for example | nple, that they 24 | interconnected system who receives a |
| 25 pay the same rates, somewhat | consistent with 25 | 25 preferential rate? |
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| 1 that particular statement. To m | e, that's the | 1 MR. FAGAN: |
| 2 way I would interpret it. | 2 | 2 A. I believe it's the Burgeo School and library. |
| 3 GREENE, Q.C.: | 3 | 3 GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 4 Q. Well, you do realize that that | position has 4 | 4 Q. And that is the only customer in the |
| 5 never been put forward by Hyd | ro before in the 5 | 5 interconnected system? |
| 6 2001, 2003, or 2006 hearing w | ith respect to 6 | 6 MR. FAGAN: |
| 7 the policy for rural rates? | 7 | 7 A. I think so. |
| 8 MR. FAGAN: | 8 | 8 GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 9 A. Well - | 9 | 9 Q. And if we go to PUB - |
| 10 GREENE, Q.C.: | 10 | 10 MR. FAGAN: |
| 11 Q. To rely on the power policy and | d the Electrical 11 | A. Sorry, I think that's in the rate schedule, |
| 12 Power Control Act? | 12 | 12 actually. |
| 13 MR. FAGAN: | 13 | 13 (12:15 p.m.) |
| 14 A. I was specifically referring to | the island 14 | 14 GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 15 interconnected system, though | n, that these 15 | Q. So if you go to PUB-NLH-310. |
| 16 customers are on the same syst | tem, so they're | 16 MS. GRAY: |
| 17 paying the same rates. I viewed | | Q. Revision 1, Ms. Greene? |
| 18 than with respect to the isolated | l systems. 18 | 18 GREENE, Q.C.: |
| 19 GREENE, Q.C.: | 19 | 9 Q. PUB-NLH-310, Attachment 1. Oh, which |
| 20 Q. And again that hasn't been adv | anced before by 20 | revision? This one, Revision 1. So these are |
| 21 Hydro as a reason or a ration | ale for the 21 | the - if you go back for a moment, Mr. Fagan, |
| 22 government policy about the | interconnected 22 | I should let you see the question. |
| 23 rates, has it, to you knowledge? | 23 | 23 MR. FAGAN: |
| 24 MR. FAGAN: | 24 | A. Okay. |
| A. I wouldn't be able to say. I do | n't know. 25 | 25 GREENE, Q.C.: |

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| 1 Q. This | question was to list the preferential | 1 | | we may as well talk about this. Within the |
| | and how they differ from the standard. | 2 | | isolated systems there are certain customers |
| | e Burgeo School and library is the only | 3 | | who get a rate, a preferential rate, in the |
| | ol on the island interconnected system | 4 | | sense that they pay less than another |
| | eceives this rate, does it? It would | 5 | | equivalent customer with the same energy |
| | ar from this answer. | 6 | | characteristics and demand. These are |
| 7 MR. FAGAN | | 7 | | churches, schools, community halls, and if you |
| 8 A. Yes. | | 8 | | scroll down, fish plants, is that correct? |
| 9 GREENE, Q | .C.: | 9 | | FAGAN: |
| | dro aware of any rationale why it would | 10 | | Yes, the churches, schools, and community |
| | ve that rate? | 11 | | halls are on the domestic diesel rate rather |
| 12 MR. FAGAN | | 12 | | than on the general service diesel rate, and |
| 13 A. Hydr | o had proposed to phase this out - I | 13 | | the fish plants, they're on the island |
| · · | the property of the provide the providet the provide the provide the provide the provide t | 14 | | interconnected rates applicable to their load |
| - | osed it at the prior one, which was - I | 15 | | rather than the diesel rates. |
| | the application, the order was PU-7- | _ | | ENE, Q.C.: |
| | /2003, so Hydro has tried to eliminate | 17 | | Okay, so we have a number of customers who |
| | ate in the past. It was rejected, I | 18 | | from a fairness perspective are getting a |
| | ve. I was pretty sure it was government | 19 | | lower rate than other customers in the same |
| | tion with regard to maintaining the rate. | 20 | | area receiving the same service, is that |
| 21 GREENE, Q | 0 | 20 | | correct? |
| | ect to check, would you agree that the | | | FAGAN: |
| | osal to phase out preferential rates was | 23 | | Well, I hesitate when you say the "same |
| | ydro in the 2001 hearing as a result of a | 24 | | customers" because if there's another fish |
| | tion from the Board? | 25 | | plant in the same area, the fish plant would |
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| 1 MR. FAGAN | - | | | Page 120 be getting the same rate. |
| | k you're correct. | | | NE, Q.C.: |
| 3 GREENE, Q | - | | | Another non-fish plant, but with the same type |
| | then again subject to check, that after | 4 | | of demand and energy usage? |
| | lirection, government issued an Order in | · · · | MR. F. | |
| | cil to confirm the continuance of the | 6 | | You could have a customer with the same demand |
| | rential rates, and I can take you through | 7 | | level in the same system paying a different |
| - | f you - | 8 | | rate. |
| 9 MR. FAGAN | - | | | NE, Q.C.: |
| | vou're right. | | | - |
| - | - | 10 | | So could we go now to PUB-NLH-079, Revision 1, |
| 11 GREENE, Q | . Just again it's for clarity for the | 11 | | and when you look at the question, it does refer you to a previous question, and again |
| | d, so if we move on then from the island | | | |
| | connected system - | 13 | | subject to check, if you'll accept that the question dealt with the preferential rates and |
| | | 14 | | |
| 15 MR. FAGAN | | 15 | | this question was designed to show the cost of |
| | r, I mentioned in my evidence that Hydro | 16 | | these additional preferential rates in rural |
| ^ | roposed it, but I probably wasn't clear her it was a direction of the Board or | 17 | | areas, so if we could go to page 2, and what is the cost in the 2015 forecast for these |
| | I wasn't sure it was at the time. | 18 | | |
| | | 19 | | preferential rates? |
| 20 GREENE, Q | | |) MR. F. | |
| - | f we move now from the island | 21 | | It's approximately a million dollars. |
| | connected system to the isolated systems, | | | NE, Q.C.: |
| | gain we don't need to review the policies | 23 | - | Okay. Now if we could go back, please, to NP- |
| | use you did that with Ms. Dawson this | 24 | | NLH-035, Revision 2, the island isolated |
| 25 morn | ing, and while we have this on the screen, | 25 | 1 | system there is forecast to pay a revenue cost |

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| 1 rati | o of just .16 in the test year, is that | 1 | 1 | Council was issued, which is on the record? |
| 2 cor | rect? | 2 | 2 | Have there been any discussion you've been |
| 3 MR. FAG | AN: | 3 | 3 | involved in as to whether this should be |
| 4 A. Ye | s, that's correct. | 4 | 4 | brought to the attention of government, given |
| 5 GREENE | , Q.C.: | 5 | 5 | the magnitude of the deficit? |
| 6 Q. An | d would you agree that the policy with | e | 5 MR. | FAGAN: |
| 7 res | pect to how rates are charged has had an | 7 | 7 A | . The government is aware of the magnitude of |
| 8 im | pact on the size and magnitude of the rural | 8 | 8 | the deficit. I've been involved and we talked |
| 9 def | icit? | 9 | 9 | about the dollars because one of the - after |
| 10 MR. FAG | AN: | 10 |) | we filed our application and we informed |
| 11 A. Ye | S. | 11 | 1 | government on the different proposals, and we |
| 12 GREENE | , Q.C.: | 12 | 2 | discussed the sharing of the rural deficit |
| | e've already heard some evidence from Mr. | 13 | 3 | between Newfoundland Power's customers and |
| | nderson and Mr. Martin with respect to | 14 | 4 | Labrador interconnected customers, so the |
| | ether the magnitude and the underlying | 15 | 5 | dollars were discussed, so they're aware of |
| | icies related to the rural deficit has been | 16 | | the dollars. So the magnitude of the impact |
| - | issue for Hydro. To your knowledge, have | 17 | 7 | on customers, they're aware of. There's been |
| | been involved in discussions internally or | 18 | 8 | no indication that there's any change with |
| - | ernally with respect to the growing size of | 19 | 9 | regard to the policy on rates, nothing that |
| | rural deficit, and as to whether the | 20 | | I've seen. |
| | lerlying policies continue to be | 21 | 1 GRE | ENE, Q.C.: |
| | propriate? | 22 | | Can we go to PUB-NLH-339, please, Attachment |
| 23 MR. FAG | — | 23 | | 1. If we could go back to the question first, |
| | t give me a second to think and recall. | 24 | | please. So this referred to a discussion |
| 25 GREENE | - | 25 | | paper that Hydro filed in response to a |
| | Page | 122 | | Page 12 |
| 1 O. Th | e last order - | 122 | 1 | previous Board direction, pointing out all |
| 2 MR. FAG | | | | policy implications for government with |
| | e've had internal discussions on L'Anse Au | | | respect to the rural deficit. Has Hydro done |
| | up because that particular one was approved | | 4 | anything, to your knowledge, since this was |
| | the Board with respect to the use of the | | 5 | done in 2003 in this analysis way to provide |
| • | and interconnected rates for L'Anse Au | | 5 | information on the size, magnitude, and |
| | up. The other ones - the other rate | | 5 7 | implications of the policies for the deficit? |
| | icies have been directive from government, | | | FAGAN: |
| - | Hydro has been - we've been just complying | | | To my understanding, there's been nothing |
| | h the government policy, but there's been | 10 | | similar to this done since. |
| | ne internal discussion on whether the | | | ENE, Q.C.: |
| | ctices for L'Anse Au Loup should be | 11 | | And the question also asked Hydro to update |
| - | inged. | 12 | | the information provided in the paper on the |
| 15 CH2 14 GREENE | - | 13 | | practices for subsidization in other |
| | d that was at an internal level, was it? | 14 | | jurisdictions, if you want to take a moment to |
| 15 Q. Ali 16 MR. FAG | | 10 | | read the question. Hydro's response was that |
| | s. There's been some RFIs for it as well. | 17 | | it was unable to update that information. |
| 17 A. IC 18 GREENE | | | | FAGAN: |
| | s, and in the interest of time, I won't take | 19 | | Yes, a lot of the jurisdictions don't keep the |
| | there, but have there been any | 20 | | details on that as much as are done here. |
| • | isideration that you have been involved in | | | ENE, Q.C.: |
| | to whether the matter of this has been | 21 | | |
| | | | | So there's no new evidence on the record today with respect to the subsidization of rural |
| | bught to the attention of government, the | 23 | | |
| - | pact of these policies since they last | 24 | | rates provided in Newfoundland with respect to |
| 25 rev | iewed them in 2003 when the Order in | 25 | 0 | other jurisdictions, is there? |

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| 1 MR. FAGAN: | | 1 | cost of service study versus another system |
| 2 A. I don't think there's been any update on | the | 2 | which has a combination of rural and urban. |
| 3 numbers, no. | | 3 GREE | NE, Q.C.: |
| 4 GREENE, Q.C.: | | 4 Q. | Okay. |
| 5 Q. When you were giving evidence, you ref | erred to | 5 MR. F | AGAN: |
| 6 the island interconnected system in resp | onse | 6 A. | So if you had broke out rural from urban with |
| 7 to a number of questions from Mr. Johns | on that | 7 | respect to Newfoundland Power, you would |
| 8 the island interconnected system, which i | is 40 | 8 | create a rural deficit within Newfoundland |
| 9 percent of the deficit, within that the | | 9 | Power system. |
| 10 subsidization is similar between urban | and 1 | 0 GREE | NE, Q.C.: |
| 11 rural as would occur within the Newfour | ndland 1 | 1 Q. | And the 40 percent deficit number is the fact |
| 12 Power system. Do you recall that? | 1 | 2 | that the island interconnected system |
| 13 MR. FAGAN: | 1 | | contributes 40 percent of the overall rural |
| 14 A. It could be. It depended how you broke | e out 1 | | deficit? |
| 15 the pieces, okay. | | 5 MR. F | AGAN: |
| 16 GREENE, Q.C.: | 1 | 6 A. | Yes. Now the context of discussion was |
| 17 Q. And I was going to ask you that. Have | you 1 | 7 | somewhat along the lines of identifying it |
| done or seen any analysis that's done th | | | with respect to as a line item on the bill, |
| 19 would demonstrate the size of the | | | that if I'm in Deer Lake and I'm driving to |
| 20 subsidization between urban and rural t | that 2 | | Rocky Harbour, and so people are going to get |
| 21 exists within Newfoundland Power? | 2 | | a note on the bill saying, oh, this is a |
| 22 MR. FAGAN: | 2 | | subsidy you're paying and lists off the towns, |
| 23 A. Certainly not anything recent, no. | 2 | | oh, Rocky Harbour is one of the towns you're |
| 24 GREENE, Q.C.: | 2 | | subsidizing, so you're putting two towns that |
| 25 Q. Okay. | 2 | | may be quite close to one another separating |
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| 1 MR. FAGAN: | - | 1 | as one being subsidized and another - or you |
| 2 A. I thought there may have been some que | estions | | could have a smaller town in a Newfoundland |
| 3 on that of Newfoundland Power back m | | | Power service area that may be closer to Baie |
| 4 something like that, but I don't think th | | | Verte and intuitively (phonetic) think it may |
| 5 information was provided. | | | be cheaper to provide service to the larger |
| 6 GREENE, Q.C.: | | | town, so it was in that context I was |
| 7 Q. Correct me if I'm wrong, I understood | from | | discussing it. |
| 8 your answer to some of the questions tha | | | NE, Q.C.: |
| 9 yourself, weren't fussed about the size of | - | | Now also the issue of subsidization from urban |
| 10 deficit with respect to the island | | - | to rural and whether it was a common practice |
| 11 interconnected system, in particular, beca | ause 1 | | was raised previously as well. Can I go back |
| 12 it's 40 percent of the rural deficit, and is | | | to page 3 to the attachment. If you go down |
| 13 very similar to Newfoundland Power, an | | | to the quote - if you could scroll down, Ms. |
| 14 get that cross subsidization between urba | | | Gray, please. This is the easiest way to find |
| 15 rural in most systems, anyway, is that | | | it, there's discussion in the Board Report, |
| 16 correct? | 1 | | and I just want to refer you to the quote, |
| 17 MR. FAGAN: | 1 | | "While cross subsidization among rate payers |
| 18 A. I don't think I can really comment on the | | | is a common practice, witnesses noted that the |
| 19 of the deficit with regard to - | 1 | | magnitude of the subsidy is of fundamental |
| 20 GREENE, Q.C.: | 2 | | importance. The Board acknowledges the burden |
| 21 Q. Or the fact that it exists? | 2 | | the rural deficit places on subsidizing rate |
| 22 MR. FAGAN: | 2 | | payers and is concerned with the potential for |
| 23 A. The fact that it exists, it's certainly | 2 | | increasing levels of subsidization". So at |
| 24 understandable, the fact that you've got r | | | that time while there was evidence from |
| areas being identified separately within | | | experts with respect to what you've just |
| areas sering identified separatory within | | - | Trend and respect to and you to just |

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| 1 | referred to for Newfoundland Power, that that | 1 | MR. FAGA | AN: |
| 2 | might be a common practice within the same | 2 | | ll, with respect to the size of the deficit, |
| 3 | system, and you might even view the island | 3 | | igh, because I believe in that document it |
| 4 | interconnected system as very similar to | | | Ild show for Hydro Quebec - |
| 5 | Newfoundland Power's, what was different here | 4 | 5 GREENE, | |
| 6 | in Newfoundland is the magnitude of the | | | , Hydro Quebec was higher, yes. |
| 7 | deficit and the magnitude that customers are | | 7 MR. FAGA | |
| 8 | expected to pay towards it. Do you have any | | | s higher. |
| 9 | information that would cause us to view that | | GREENE, | |
| 10 | differently than what the Board found back in | 10 | | , that was the only jurisdiction. |
| 11 | that hearing? | | MR. FAGA | |
| | 2:30 p.m.) | 12 | | because they had a much larger base, the |
| | IR. FAGAN: | 13 | - | cent impact was lower. |
| 14 | A. Well, there is a response, I believe, NLH-NP- | | 4 GREENE, | - |
| 15 | 019, I think is the right one to show the | 15 | - | ht, so the impact per customer is lower |
| 16 | information. So this was a question that | 10 | | ause they had a higher base? |
| 17 | Hydro asked Newfoundland Power showing the | | 7 MR. FAGA | |
| 18 | rural deficit allocated to Newfoundland Power | 18 | - | ht, yes. |
| 19 | as a percentage of total revenue requirement. | | GREENE, | |
| 20 | So if we go back to the 2002 test year, the | 20 | | ht, okay. |
| 21 | deficit allocated to Newfoundland Power, I | | MR. FAGA | |
| 22 | don't see the exact numbers there, but it | 22 | • | ust with regard to the dollars, I just |
| 23 | looks like it's in the mid teens in the 2002 | 23 | | ited to be clear on that. |
| 24 | test year versus if you look at the 2007 test | | GREENE, | - |
| 25 | year and the 2015 test year, it's more along | 25 | Q. 50 S | since then - |
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| 1 | the lines of slightly more than 10 percent. So | | MR. FAGA | |
| 2 | from a relative perspective, the deficit as a | | - | there's no - I would say, no, there's not. |
| 3 | proportion of the total revenue requirement | | GREENE, | |
| 4 | for customers, it looks like it's reduced. | | 4 Q. All | - |
| 5 | Obviously, the size in dollars has grown, but | | 5 MR. FAGA | |
| 6 | all costs have grown because fuel costs have | | | nswer to your question. |
| 7 | increased and has contributed to it, but from | | 7 GREENE, | |
| 8 | a customer bill impact on a percentage basis, | | | also mentioned in discussing, and I can |
| 9 | I don't see the percentage increasing. | | | g you to the transcript, but for time, |
| | REENE, Q.C.: | 10 | | customers were aware that their rates |
| 11 | Q. And if you like, we can go back to the | 11 | | e not uniform and that they were paying for |
| 12 | previous attachment. The question was at the | | | er people's cost. |
| 13 | time this was reviewed with expert evidence | | 3 MR. FAGA | |
| 14 | about how the rural deficit should be treated | nd 14 | | ink I indicated that most people, say, who |
| 15 | and the impact of the subsidy, the Board four | | | billed by Newfoundland Power probably |
| 16 | that, "Even though it was a common practice | | | ognize that the cost of serving people in |
| 17 | other jurisdictions, the size of the deficit in Newfoundland relative to other | 17 | | an areas versus rural areas differ, but |
| 18 | | 18 | | st people, I think, are aware that they pay |
| 19 20 | jurisdictions was a fundamental difference" | | | same rates. So they probably recognize |
| 20 | and was of concern to them, and my question | | | rates reflect average cost. I think that |
| 21 | you was that from 2002 when this quote was | | | Ild be my view. |
| 22 | made, is there any evidence on the record that | | 2 GREENE, | |
| 23 | would cause the Board to change their opinic | | - | you wouldn't be aware of any research that |
| 24 | about why the rural deficit is very | 24 | | been done, or are you, that would show how |
| 25 | significant here versus other jurisdictions? | 25 | 5 muc | ch a customer is willing to pay for the cost |

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| 1 of service of another customer from and | | 1 | issue is under advisement by Hydro, but if we |
| 2 system? | | 2 | could go to the transcript of yesterday, |
| 3 MR. FAGAN: | | 3 | October 6th at page 59, and here at lines 12 |
| 4 A. No. | | 4 | to 14 we see this is in response to a question |
| 5 GREENE, Q.C.: | | 5 | to you from Mr. Johnson, Mr. Fagan, you'll |
| 6 Q. You also mentioned that certain custome | ers are | 6 | recognize that here you say, "So what Mr. Dean |
| 7 very much well aware of the fact they re- | ceive | 7 | has presented seems like a reasonable |
| 8 a subsidy, but that's not important to th | em | 8 | approach", and then you go on to describe what |
| 9 because it's use of their natural resource | e. | 9 | the approach is. You describe his approach as |
| 10 Do you recall that discussion? | 1 | 0 | a reasonable one. Now if we could go to the |
| 11 MR. FAGAN: | 1 | 1 | transcript, same day, page 101, I don't know |
| 12 A. I don't know if I quite said it wasn't | 1 | 2 | if we need to start at 15, but if you go to |
| 13 important to them, but when we had the | rural 1 | 3 | line 20, here we see, "So if the Board |
| 14 rate inquiry and we travelled around t | the 1 | 4 | believes it's reasonable to restate the |
| 15 island, customers were aware that the ra | ates 1 | 5 | original cost of service for purposes of |
| 16 they were paying were less than the cost | that 1 | 6 | determining specifically assigned charges |
| 17 was incurred to serve them, but most pre | sented 1 | 7 | based on real dollars, and calculate the |
| 18 that position with regard to how the | y 1 | 8 | specifically assigned charge, we'll make |
| 19 contribute to the provincial economy and | l that | 9 | changes to comply with the order of the |
| 20 should be given consideration. | 2 | 20 | Board". So I understood from those comments |
| 21 GREENE, Q.C.: | 2 | 1 | that it was a reasonable approach and the |
| 22 Q. But to your memory, was there any disc | | 2 | Board could - you didn't need to, and I can |
| 23 of their awareness of the magnitude of | the 2 | 3 | take you to another quote, but I don't think |
| 24 subsidy they were receiving? | 2 | .4 | it's necessary, you didn't need to make a |
| 25 MR. FAGAN: | 2 | .5 | specific application because it was all before |
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| 1 A. There was information presented during | - | 1 | the Board and they could decide if it was |
| 2 proceedings so they were aware, but obv | iously | 2 | reasonable? |
| 3 I don't think all customers are aware. | | | FAGAN: |
| 4 GREENE, Q.C.: | | 4 A | Well, I mentioned this morning to make it |
| 5 Q. And are you aware that when Bay d'Esp | | 5 | clear what the results would be for all |
| 6 rates were designed, people who were l | - | 6 | parties, that we'll file an updated cost of |
| 7 next to the Bay d'Espoir plant thought t | | 7 | service so it's clear to all parties. |
| 8 they should receive a lower rate becaus | | | EENE, Q.C.: |
| 9 was their resource that was being develo | • | |). I'm going to come to that, and I guess the |
| 10 MR. FAGAN: | | 0 | reason for doing this is to understand from |
| 11 A. Yes, I do believe there was actually cust | | | the discussion yesterday what Hydro's position |
| 12 from Bay d'Espoir wrote letters to the B | | 2 | is. If I looked at those two, because I guess |
| 13 with respect to that position, and I thin Neufoundland Power has had that positi | | | we were - I was somewhat perplexed as well |
| 14 Newfoundland Power has had that posit | - | 4 | yesterday and even am today as to Hydro's |
| 15 to them as well with regard to custom | | | position on this. So you look at that as a |
| 16 proximity to the resource. | | 6 | reasonable approach, but now if we could go to |
| 17 GREENE, Q.C.:18 Q. And normally those sorts of things don't | enter 1 | | the transcript from yesterday at page 58, line 23. We certainly understood, and I wanted for |
| Q. And normally those sorts of things don'tinto rate design, do they? | enter 1 | | you to help me with understanding your |
| 20 MR. FAGAN: | 2 | | comments yesterday. |
| 20 MR. FAGAN: 21 A. No, normally they don't, no. | | | FAGAN: |
| 22 GREENE, Q.C.: | 2 | | A. Sure. |
| 23 Q. Okay. Moving to the last topic, specification | | | EENE, Q.C.: |
| 24 assigned charges, and I just really do wa | • | | 2. So we understood from what we just looked at |
| 25 clarify Hydro's position on this, I know t | | .4 Q 25 | that you certainly thought that Mr. Dean's or |
| enality right of position on this, i know (| | | mar you containing thought that 141. Doub 5 01 |

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| 1 | Vale's approach was a reasonable of | one and that 1 | | what you said, and I know how you're taking it | |
| 2 | it's something the Board should con | nsider, and 2 | 2 | under advisement, but we have evidence from | |
| 3 | then we come back to your comm | nents about 3 | 3 | the manager of rates that the proposal in your | |
| 4 | Hydro's proposal. So here again if | you'd like 4 | Ļ | application, which is the only one before the | |
| 5 | to take the time, but beginning at 1 | - | 5 | Board, that you believe your approach is | |
| 6 | you're describing how it was some | what of a new 6 | ō | flawed and it is unfair and will result in | |
| 7 | issue that caused you to look at it? | 7 | 7 | overcharging, is that your position? | |
| 8 N | MR. FAGAN: | 8 | 8 MF | IR. FAGAN: | |
| 9 | A. Yes, I don't recall the specific issu | e being 9 |) | A. Yes. Now I'd just like to clarify one item. | |
| 10 | dealt with at previous Hydro heari | ngs with 10 |) | When Hydro filed its application and had a | |
| 11 | regard to a specifically assigned cha | arge on O 11 | | number of proposals, we've had settlement | |
| 12 | & M. | 12 | 2 | discussions with the parties and we changed | |
| 13 0 | GREENE, Q.C.: | 13 | ; | some of the proposals have changed subject to | |
| 14 | Q. And if you scroll down to line 20, | you say, 14 | Ļ | a settlement agreement, so no, we haven't | |
| 15 | "So it wasn't - I think it was proba | ibly not 15 | 5 | filed any amended application to reflect that, | |
| 16 | reviewed closely enough with reg | ard to the 16 | 5 | so it's a negotiation - | |
| 17 | components and whether it was a | reasonable 17 | GR | REENE, Q.C.: | |
| 18 | number upfront, but I think Hydro | | 3 | Q. But you have filed a settlement agreement to | |
| 19 | that it's probably not a fair approa | ch with 19 |) | reflect the agreement. | |
| 20 | respect to specifically assigned ch | narges". |) MF | IR. FAGAN: | |
| 21 | Then you go on again to say that y | - | | A. Oh yes, okay, true, we have. We have filed a | |
| 22 | amended the application, but it has | merit and 22 | 2 | settlement agreement, but there would still be | |
| 23 | the Board can consider it. | 23 | ; | no application to change from what was | |
| 24 N | MR. FAGAN: | 24 | ŀ | originally filed, so I guess it's subject to | |
| 25 | A. Yes. | 25 | 5 | counsel whether a revised application is | |
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| 10 | GREENE, Q.C.: | | | required. But I think there's been a number | |
| 2 | Q. So here you're recognizing that you | ir approach 2 | 2 | of issues historically before the Board that | |
| 3 | is not a fair approach, and now if y | rou could 3 | 3 | when a utility files an application and all | |
| 4 | come to page 79, line 8, you say, | "All I'm 4 | ŀ | the evidence is before it, that we can change | |
| 5 | saying is that the current methodolo | | 5 | our mind with respect to what's a reasonable | |
| 6 | have got presented to the Board | | 5 | thing to do based on the evidence presented. | |
| 7 | application appears to have a flaw | | , | So in this particular circumstance, that's | |
| 8 | what's been analyzed", and then yo | | 3 | what we think is appropriate. Now to be | |
| 9 | talk about the CIAC policy. So her | - |) | clear, though, what we will do is make sure we | |
| 10 | saying that; one, your approach wa | as unfair, 10 |) | file an updated cost of service so all parties | |
| 11 | and here it has a flaw, and then this | morning 11 | | can see the impacts of this change on all | |
| 12 | in cross-examination by Mr. O'Re | eilly, and 12 | 2 | charges, if it was approved, so it's quite | |
| 13 | again I don't have the transcript, | - | ; | clear when the Board considers it. | |
| 14 | understanding of what you said was | • | GR | REENE, Q.C.: | |
| 15 | with Mr. O'Reilly that if you follo | | | Q. And when you gave evidence earlier this | |
| 16 | methodology, it would result in ov | • | | morning, you indicated that that would be | |
| 17 | to Vale inappropriate charges for be | | , | filed in time for final submission, now that | |
| 18 | and it may be formally changed. Do | | 3 | will be after cross-examination where the | |
| 19 | that this morning? | 19 |) | parties have the opportunity to determine and | |
| 20 N | MR. FAGAN: | 20 |) | review the implications for the changes, is | |
| 21 | A. Yes, I believe I recall saying that | | | that correct? | |
| 22 | would be overcharging O&M costs | | | IR. FAGAN: | |
| 23 | will be reset going forward. | 23 | | A. Well Vale 83, it shows the impacts ofif we | |
| | GREENE, Q.C.: | 24 | | could bring that up for a moment, please? | |
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| 1 Q. I understood you were asking your staff to | | l au | tility to change their position when they |
| 2 want a revised cost of service study to show | 2 | 2 hea | ar the evidence, is there anything else |
| 3 the implications. | | 3 Hy | dro is contemplating changing their |
| 4 MR. FAGAN: | 4 | 4 pro | pposals on at this point in time? |
| 5 A. Yes. | | 5 MR. FAC | SAN: |
| 6 GREENE, Q.C.: | | 6 A. No |). |
| 7 Q. And that that will be filed. | | 7 GREENE | , Q.C.: |
| 8 MR. FAGAN: | 8 | 3 Q. Ok | ay, those are all my questions, thank you. |
| 9 A. I was just going tothe impact, the amount o | of 9 | VICE-CH | IAIR WHALEN: |
| change that we're dealing with here is a | 10 |) Q. I h | ave no questions, thank you, Mr. Fagan. |
| 11 \$600,000 shift from specifically assigned to | 11 | CHAIRM | IAN: |
| common, so when you run that through, it's | s 12 | 2 Q. Ok | ay, I think Mr. Fagan, weno, re-direct, |
| likely that this will be about a \$500,000 | 13 | 3 I'n | n sorry, you guys got anything? |
| impact approximately, slightly less, probably | / 14 | 4 MR. CAS | S: |
| on Newfoundland Power's. It's not a majo | or 15 | 5 Q. No | , we don't, Mr. Chair, thank you. |
| shift in the cost of service from what's | 16 | 5 CHAIRM | IAN: |
| currently presented, so it's not as earth | 17 | 7 Q. Ok | ay, so I think we're going to take a few |
| shattering with respect to it, so the impacts | 18 | 3 mi | nutes break and then we're going to shift |
| 19 can be fairly well anticipated without having | 19 |) gea | ars, is that correct? |
| a full cost of service study actually filed, | 20 |) MS. GLY | 'NN: |
| but we'll file it just so all parties can see | 21 | ı Q. At | osolutely. |
| 22 what the numbers are. | 22 | 2 CHAIRM | IAN: |
| 23 GREENE, Q.C.: | 23 | 3 Q. Ok | tay. |
| Q. And of the \$600,000 that will shift back and | | 1 | (RECESS 12:45 P.M.) |
| 25 be specifically assigned to common, you just | t 25 | 5 | (RECONVENED 12:55 P.M.) |
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| 1 indicated approximately 500,000 of that wou | | CHAIRMA | |
| 2 be your very rough estimate of what would be | be 2 | | we're back with Mr. Henderson and his group |
| 3 passed to Newfoundland Power as a result? | | | I I understand, gentlemen, that you're all |
| 4 MR. FAGAN: | | | n of honour, unlike the Sopranos so you |
| 5 A. Of the 600,000, about 60,000 is already | | | i't have to be sworn again. And we're back |
| 6 Newfoundland Power, so it would be a reduc | | | Mr. Coxworthy, I believe, sir, in the |
| 7 of that, so it would be 540 and probably about | | | |
| 8 90 percent of the 540, so you might be talking | - | 3 MR. COX | |
| 9 about 480,000, but that's an approximate | (| | at's correct, Mr. Chair, thank you. Welcome |
| 10 estimate. | 10 | | k, Mr. Moore, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Gardiner. |
| 11 GREENE, Q.C.: | 11 | | like to start with some undertakings that |
| 12 Q. Okay. I just didn't hear that number that you | | | re requested and in one case answered. |
| 13 said. | 13 | | dertaking No. 22 that was put to the HR |
| 14 MR. FAGAN: | 14 | - | hel and undertaking No. 25, also put to the |
| 15 A. That's okay. | 15 | | panel, and I understand the same response |
| 16 GREENE, Q.C.: | 10 | | blies to both, so if that could be brought |
| Q. And how long does it take to run the revised | | - | And as I understand it, the undertaking |
| 18 cost of service? | 18 | | was to ask if there is any template |
| 19 MR. FAGAN: | 19 | | a when they should be charging their time. |
| A. For a specific item like this, I'm sure we | 20 | | to when they should be charging their time |
| could probably provide it within a few days, | | | Hydro, when it's appropriate to do so, or |
| 22 probably early, maybe Monday or Tuesda | - | | ether there was any under development. So |
| 23 something like that. | 23 | - | question is, am I to take it from this |
| 24 GREENE, Q.C.:25 Q. Now you've mentioned that it's not unusual t | for 2^4 | - | ticular response that there is nothing |
| 25 Q. Now you've mentioned that it's not unusual | for 25 | , iur | ther under development, Mr. Henderson, to |

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| 1 your knowledge? | 1 | 1 MR. | HENDERSON: | |
| 2 MR. HENDERSON: | 2 | 2 A. | Well that would be reviewe | d by their |
| 3 A. Not to my knowledge. | 3 | 3 | supervisors to ensure that that's | correct and |
| 4 COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | 4 | 4 | that's where the check is with re- | espect to the |
| 5 Q. The response to the undertaking sends | us to 5 | 5 | supervisor. | - |
| 6 Exhibit 8 of Volume 2 of the Hyd | lro e | 6 (1:00 |) p.m.) | |
| 7 Application, so if we could turn to Exhib | oit 8, 7 | 7 COX | WORTHY, Q.C.: | |
| 8 pages 5 and 6? And I think at the botton | m of 8 | 8 Q. | And I'll return to that, but fair e | enough, the |
| 9 page 5 if where we can start, tied to |) 9 | 9 | other undertaking then, and I b | elieve it is |
| 10 corporate costs and as I understand it, t | he 10 | 0 | still outstanding and it is r | |
| 11 response to the undertakings 22 and 25, | | 1 | understanding that was request | |
| 12 us to this section of Exhibit 8. So corpor | | 2 | I'll clarify, it was requested by | |
| 13 costs incurred within the various lines | | 3 | Advocate. It was requested tw | |
| 14 business are charged to the appropriate | | | approximately, September 24th | - |
| 15 of business as below, and then there's | | 5 | panel and undertaking 37 and p | - |
| section there for 3.2.1 "Employee Lal | | 6 | help to turn to the text that's re | • |
| 17 Costs" and as I understand the underta | | | here, and again, that is the Sep | |
| 18 response, that is the whole of the directi | - | | transcript, page 93, starting at 1 | |
| 19 or guidance that's provided to Nalc | | | the Consumer Advocate is rais | |
| 20 employees with respect to when they sho | | | about issues of conflict and the | |
| 21 charging in or when it's appropriate to c | | | within the Hydro matrix organi | · · |
| 22 in their time directly to Hydro, is that yo | - | | the island industrial customers of | |
| understanding as well, Mr. Henderson? | 23 | | questions about that as well and | • |
| 24 MR. HENDERSON: | 24 | | ask and perhaps this is appro- | |
| 25 A. Yes, it is. | 25 | | counsel to respond to, is given t | - |
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| 1 COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | - | 1 | been outstanding for two weeks | ę |
| 2 Q. Are you satisfied that that's sufficien | | 2 | I understand that the operation | - |
| 3 directly to Nalcor employees for the ti | | 3 | up and down perhaps as soon a | |
| 4 they're charging in to your organization | | 4 | there any prospect of this being | |
| 5 MR. HENDERSON: | | 5 | provided by tomorrow? | answered and |
| 6 A. That's pretty consistent with the way w | | | R. YOUNG: | |
| 7 been doing it over they years. For any years | | | Mr. Chairman, I can respond to | that there is |
| 8 that's being done on a specific task that | | 7 Q. 8 | some prospect of it being availa | |
| 9 keep track of it in your daytimer or what | - | 9 | I can't guarantee it, but we're h | |
| 10 mechanism that you have to keep track of | | | can have it ready. | oping that we |
| 11 it is and charge it to the appropriate wo | | | WORTHY, Q.C.: | |
| 12 orders. | 11 12 | | Thank you, Mr. Young. I'd lik | re to move on |
| 13 COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | 13 | | Mr. Henderson, to the Explo | |
| 14 Q. Yes, and Mr. Roberts gave us some ev | | | purchases? | |
| 15 about the work orders and how that hel | | | HENDERSON: | |
| 16 orient him and I assume other Nalcor em | • I | | Yes. | |
| 17 as to how they should allocate their tim | | | WORTHY, Q.C.: | |
| 17 as to now they should anocate their thin 18 I'm going to say at the outset I'm certai | | | And if we could turn to the Sep | tember 23-2015 |
| 19 not going to be asking for the work orde | - | | transcript, page 103 and you w | |
| 20 undertaking for any work orders, but wo | | | questions by Mr. O'Brien wit | |
| | - | | deferral accounts, the deferral a | - |
| | | | Hydro is seeking and in particul | |
| | | | relevant one here is the energy | |
| | | | variance deferral account, and | |
| 24 in fact this is time properly allocated to | | | | |
| 25 Hydro? | 25 | 3 | relates to Exploit's and I c | citanny |

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| 1 | understand and accept the appro- | opriateness of a | 1 | MR. HENDERSON: |
| 2 | deferral account with respect t | - | 2 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| 3 | variation, but Mr. O'Brien was | asking as well | 3 | the way the price is set is by the government, |
| 4 | with respect to whether the def | erral account | 4 | so to the extent that the government sees a |
| 5 | was intended to capture any inc | crease in the | 5 | 5 driver that drives the cost up and they put |
| 6 | price being paid to government | for that power, | 6 | forward the costs, the charge in that regard, |
| 7 | which is now 4 cents a kilowatt | hour, and your | 7 | then I can't dispute, I'll say, and say that |
| 8 | response and we can go through | n it if you wish, | 8 | that's not right for Hydro and its customers |
| 9 | it's there before you if you war | nt to refresh | 9 | by to pay that cost. |
| 10 | your memory, your response wa | as that you didn't | 10 |) COXWORTHY, Q.C.: |
| 11 | anticipate that a change of price | would be an | 11 | Q. Well and I'll take you back to it, so you |
| 12 | issue because you're anticipatin | ig a transfer. | 12 | 2 can't dispute, but should the customers, |
| 13 | What I didn't understand you | to answer in | 13 | B Hydro's customers bare an increase in costs |
| 14 | terms of, and I think Mr. O'Brid | en attempted to | 14 | that is imposed by, well ultimately Hydro's |
| 15 | illicit a response and I will do the | ne same, is | 15 | shareholder, Nalcor's shareholder? Is that a |
| 16 | given that is Hydro prepared to | say that it | 16 | 5 cost that - |
| 17 | will not include any provisio | - | 17 | 7 MR. HENDERSON: |
| 18 | deferral account for an increase | in price in | 18 | A. Well I would say that it would depend on what |
| 19 | payment that would be paid to | government for | 19 | the direction that the provincial government |
| 20 | that Exploit's power, should con | - | 20 | |
| 21 | are you prepared to say that Hy | - | 21 | |
| 22 | to walk away from that in an ex | | 22 | 2 COXWORTHY, Q.C.: |
| 23 | there will be a transfer? | - | 23 | |
| 24 N | IR. HENDERSON: | | 24 | |
| 25 | A. Well I guess the consideration t | here is what's | 25 | |
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| 1 | driving that change and if it's a | • | 1 | |
| 2 | change with respect to the cost | ** * | 2 | |
| 3 | then I think that would be approx | - | 3 | |
| 4 | know, at this point I would say | | 4 | |
| 5 | you'd have to consider what wa | | 5 | |
| 6 | I think given that the costs wou | I | 6 | |
| 7 | by something to do with that | | | 7 MR. HENDERSON: |
| 8 | providing that service, then it | | , 8 | |
| 9 | appropriate that that be part of t | | 9 | |
| | OXWORTHY, Q.C.: | ũ l | 10 | |
| 11 | Q. To help me understand it, what | | | COXWORTHY, Q.C.: |
| 12 | for 4 cents a kilowatt hour or dr | | 12 | |
| | IR. HENDERSON: | | 12 | |
| 13 14 | A. Well the 4 cents was establish | | 13 | |
| 15 | provincial government, so there | - | | 5 MR. HENDERSON: |
| 15 | know in terms of being able to s | I | 15 16 | |
| 17 | the provincial government put | - | 10 | |
| 17 | can't speak to that, but my po | <u> </u> | 17 | |
| 18 | don't see that there would be | | 10 19 | |
| 20 | unless there was some driver | | 20 | |
| 20 21 | change. | | | COXWORTHY, Q.C.: |
| | - | | | |
| | OXWORTHY, Q.C.: Q. And you can't illuminate for u | | 22 23 | |
| 23 24 | - | | | • |
| 24 25 | driver could be, other than gov | | 24 | 6 |
| 25 | some reason deciding to increas | se mai price? | 23 | 5 MR. HENDERSON: |

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| 1 | A. I would expect that they would. | 1 | | answer is, "Are you talking with regard to the |
| 2 | COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | 2 | | 500 kigawatt hours?" And Mr. Johnson |
| 3 | Q. I'd like to move on to another ar | ea, Mr. 3 | | confirms, "Yes." And your answer was, "We |
| 4 | Henderson and if we could turn to | the October 4 | | would have found out at the same time as the |
| 5 | 6th transcript, page 23, line 7, you | weren't 5 | | general public would have found out when |
| 6 | here for Mr. Fagan's evidence and | so I will 6 | i | Corner Brook Pulp and Paper announced closure |
| 7 | take you through a question that wa | as asked by 7 | | of their paper machines." So, Mr. Henderson, |
| 8 | Mr. Johnson to Mr. Fagan yesterda | and it's 8 | | I just want to explore, through you, the state |
| 9 | with relation to the load variation | surplus 9 |) | of knowledge of Hydro with respect to load |
| 10 | that accumulated prior to Septem | ber 2013, 10 | | changes in the industrial customer in this |
| 11 | prior to government order-in-counc | | | timeframe that we're talking about prior to |
| 12 | Johnson was asking Mr. Fagan que | estions about 12 | | September 2013 and starting from 2007. If we |
| 13 | that and at page 23, line 7, asked ' | | | could make reference to, and this is an |
| 14 | monies that did happen to build up | in the load 14 | | application, a 2009 application of Hydro that |
| 15 | variation account by reason of the i | ndustrial 15 | | I gave notice this morning that I would want |
| 16 | customer load dropping off, I me | ean, it's 16 | | to put to the cross-examinationin cross- |
| 17 | obvious but I just state the question | n, that 17 | | examination to this panel and it is found on |
| 18 | had nothing to do with industrial of | customers 18 | | the Board's website under Board documents and |
| 19 | responding to a rate, signalling a r | ate and 19 | | I think we have it here before us, thank you |
| 20 | conserving or finding efficiencies? | ' And Mr. 20 | | Ms. Gray. |
| 21 | Fagan said, "That's correct." And M | Ar. Johnson 21 | MS. | GLYNN: |
| 22 | went on to say, "It's just a shutdo | wn that 22 | Q | We'll enter that as Information No. 12. |
| 23 | Hydro is left in the lurch on as I un | derstand 23 | COX | WORTHY, Q.C.: |
| 24 | it, I read about it in the paper." A | | Q. | Thank you. And if we could turn to, first of |
| 25 | Fagan says, "It was the result of the | e closure 25 | | all, the table on page 2yes, thank you and |
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| 1 | of the mills and a fuel savings that | | | I'll give you a moment, Mr. Henderson, to |
| 2 | from it, yes." Mr. Johnson then s | - | | review that. Your reference to the 500 |
| 3 | which Hydro was given no advance | | | kigawatt hours that was your understanding |
| 4 | continues on to page 24, Mr. Fagar | • | | that that's what Mr. Johnson was referring to |
| 5 | really couldn't say on that", but he | | | in terms of the load changes that were |
| 6 | that there's evidence on the record | | | occurring, can you confirm to me or correct me |
| 7 | effect. And it's my understanding | | | if I'm wrong, that you are referring to the |
| 8 | evidence that Mr. Fagan is referring | - | | load changes that are shown there for Abitibi |
| 9 | on my review of the transcript, is | |) | and for Kruger or Corner Brook Pulp and Paper, |
| 10 | that was given by you, Mr. Hender | |) | those two large grey blocks, which I think |
| 11 | in the proceeding. So if we could | | | comes out to about 500 kigawatts? |
| 12 | September 24, 2015 transcript, pag | | | HENDERSON: |
| 13 | 19 please? So this is Mr. Johnso | - | | I'm trying to recall the full conversation |
| 14 | questioning yourself, Mr. Hender | | | with Mr. Johnson, but we were, I think - |
| 15 | Corner Brook Pulp and Paper appr | - | | WORTHY, Q.C.: |
| 16 | advance that it would be reducing i | | | We can certainly go back to that transcript. |
| 17 | 10 percent of previous levels at a ti | • | | HENDERSON: |
| 18 | enough so Hydro could avoid expe | | | It was related to energy change and the energy |
| 19 | generation and transmission capital | | | change that would have come about from the |
| 20 | its load?" So the thrust of the ques | | | shutdown of paper machines and I clarified the |
| 21 | in relation to a different issue and | | | 500 because I just wanted to make sure we were |
| 22 | load variation, but nonetheless the | - | | talking about energy and not demand, which is |
| 23 | of how much notice Hydro had of | - | | another component of the supply. |
| | | | | |
| 24 25 | load was also part of the question a of the common theme there. And | | | WORTHY, Q.C.: . Absolutely. |

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| 1 MR. HENDERSON: | _ | 1 | ł | have to meet less energy than we had |
| 2 A. So we were talk | king about energy and the amount | 2 | ľ | previously thought we would. |
| 3 of energy that w | would have been impacted by the | 3 | COXW | /ORTHY, Q.C.: |
| | paper machines. Once the | 4 | Q. <i>I</i> | And is there a set time of year or was there |
| | e they are closing paper | 5 | | at the time in 2008, 2009 when the industrial |
| 6 machines or idl | ing them, I think may have been | 6 | C | customers would provide their load forecast |
| 7 the term that wa | as used at the time, that was | 7 | | for the following year? |
| 8 when we would | see at that point forward, you | 8 | MR. H | ENDERSON: |
| | ien the energy shortfall would | 9 | A.] | The normal process with the customers is that |
| 10 be or change we | | 10 | | hey would provide, I think it's twice a year |
| 11 COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | | 11 | | hat we go out to the customers to get their |
| | -this wasn't just an energy | 12 | | Forecast of consumption and so that would give |
| | as of supplying Corner Brook | 13 | | as an indication of what they were planning to |
| | is that right, were you also | 14 | | lo. |
| 1 1 | 500 kigawatts to Abitibi? | 15 | COXW | /ORTHY, Q.C.: |
| 16 MR. HENDERSON: | 6 | 16 | | And were those two times a year, were they |
| A. That's what it | appears to be from this | 17 | | lifferent for different industrial customers |
| 18 evidence. | | 18 | C | or the same timeagain, back at that time to |
| 19 COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | | 19 | | he best of your recollection? |
| | vidence was filed in 2009, of | | | ENDERSON: |
| | en't in your current position at | 21 | | I'll say generally speaking there would be an |
| that time. | 5 1 | 22 | | update in the Spring, another one in the Fall. |
| 23 MR. HENDERSON: | | | | /ORTHY, Q.C.: |
| A. That's correct. | | 24 | | Thank you. If we could move on, then, still |
| 25 COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | | 25 | | n the same application to paragraph 12 of the |
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| 1 Q. You were a man | nager of system operations. | 1 | а | application itself and the application recites |
| 2 MR. HENDERSON: | | 2 | ١ | various events, occurrences that have occurred |
| 3 A. That's correct. | | 3 | ľ | prior to its filing in June of 2009 and one of |
| 4 COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | | 4 | ť | he facts that it refers to is that on |
| 5 Q. And you've pre | viously given evidence that in | 5 | Ι | December 20th, 2007, Hydro filed an |
| | ou would have been very | 6 | | application to the Board for an order |
| | e operations of the industrial | 7 | | continuing on an interim basis, the rates that |
| 8 customers. | • | 8 | | n effect for the island industrial customers |
| 9 MR. HENDERSON: | | 9 | C | on the basis that normal operation of the RSP |
| 10 A. That's correct. | | 10 | | could cause significant rate volatility for |
| 11 COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | | 11 | | he island industrial customers. Would you |
| | ave been aware in your previous | 12 | | agree with me that that was due to Hydro being |
| · · · | that this was happening? | 13 | | aware at that time of load changes or imminent |
| 14 MR. HENDERSON: | | 14 | | oad changes in the industrial customer group? |
| | been made aware when it was | | (1:15 | |
| | e aware that the change was | | | ENDERSON: |
| | that that would reduce the | 17 | | can't recall what we knew specifically at |
| 5 | gy and we would have had at that | 18 | | hat time, but I do know that the paper |
| | ig forecasts from the customer | 19 | | ndustry in general was having very |
| - | that meant in terms of energy | 20 | | challenging times. We had recently |
| - | | 21 | | experienced the closure of the Stephenville |
| - | g from the customer to indicate | 22 | | paper mill and through regular contact with |
| • | s, and of course, we would then | 23 | - | he paper mills, we knew that there was always |
| | ation to change the way in | 24 | | a challenge with respect to costs and amount |
| | | 25 | | of production that they were going to be |
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| 1 | expected to have because of changing paper | 1 | l | was facing market pressures, was there an |
| 2 | markets, so there was a general knowledge of | 2 | 2 | understanding in January of 2009 by Hydro that |
| 3 | that and certainly with the Stephenville | 3 | 3 | there could be cutbacks in operations at |
| 4 | shutdown it had a dramatic effect, so all of | 4 | 1 | Corner Brook Pulp Paper that would result in |
| 5 | those things would have been part of our | 5 | 5 | reduction in their load? |
| 6 | experience and recognizing that that potential | 6 | 5 MR | . HENDERSON: |
| 7 | could occur in the future, which would have a | 7 | 7 . | A. Well according to this statement, yes. |
| 8 | dramatic effect on the amount of energy that | 8 | 3 CO | XWORTHY, Q.C.: |
| 9 | the industrial customer group were using. | 9 |) (| Q. Thank you. And if we could move on to |
| 10 | COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | 10 |) | paragraph 21 and so approximately six months |
| 11 | Q. And if I could then take you forward to | 11 | 1 | later, Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited |
| 12 | paragraph 14, so the order seeking to make | 12 | 2 | does announce that it is idling its No. 4 |
| 13 | interim, rates interim due to the volatility, | 13 | 3 | paper machine indefinitely, reducing the |
| 14 | the industrial load was sought in December | 14 | 1 | electrical load for an unknown period of time. |
| 15 | 2007, paragraph 13 indicates it was granted by | 15 | 5 | So going back to your answer you gave to Mr. |
| 16 | the Board in January 2008, and it was about a | 16 | | Johnson that your first notice would have been |
| 17 | year later, a little bit less than a year | 17 | 1 | reading it in the paper or when the public |
| 18 | later that Abitibi announced it would be | 18 | | knew, when the public knew, however that would |
| 19 | closing its Grand Falls paper mill, effective | 19 | | have been, through the media, in terms of a |
| 20 | March 31st, 2009. So was Hydroyou just | 20 | | final decision by Corner Brook Pulp and Paper |
| 21 | indicated Hydro was aware that due to markets, | 21 | | as to what it was going to do with No. 4 paper |
| 22 | the market conditions out there, international | 22 | | machine, you know, I'm not going to quarrel |
| 23 | markets, that there was a risk that these | 23 | | with that, but was there an understanding |
| 24 | particular industrial customers and the pulp | 24 | | within Hydro before that for some time that |
| 25 | and paper business would have to scale back | 25 | ; | that Corner Brook load was at risk of being |
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| 1 | their operations? | 1 | | cut due to changes in operations at Corner |
| | MR. HENDERSON: | 2 | | Brook? |
| 3 | A. That's generally, yes. | 3 | | . HENDERSON: |
| | COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | 4 | | A. I would say generally yes, that we knew that |
| 5 | Q. And Hydro would have understood that that | 5 | | there were risks associated with the paper |
| 6 | would have meant obviously a decrease in the | 6 | | industry in their ongoing operations. |
| 7 | load profile of the industrial customer group? | | | XWORTHY, Q.C.: |
| | MR. HENDERSON: | 8 | | Q. I'd like to turn to a Board order, P.U. 20 |
| 9 | A. If it occurred, yes. | 9 | | (2015). This was an order with respect to an |
| | COXWORTHY, Q.C.: | 10 | | application brought by an industrial customer |
| 11 | Q. If we could move on then to paragraph 19 of the same application places? And percenter 10 | 11 | | earlier this year, Teck Resources Limited, in |
| 12 | the same application please? And paragraph 19 | 12 | | relation to their power and order and seeking |
| 13 | refers to on January 7th, 2009, the owner of Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Mill announced | 13 14 | | amendment to the contract, an application which Teck, I'll hasten to add, was not |
| 14 | that it would be facing cutbacks to operations | 14 | | successful. Are you familiar with the |
| 15 16 | | 15 | | application, Mr. Henderson or the |
| 10 | Corner Brook mill. The level of production | 10 | | circumstances behind it? |
| 17 | cutbacks at the Corner Brook mill, impacts | | | a. HENDERSON: |
| 10 | that it will have on energy consumption, were | 10 | | A. I was aware of the application, not intimately |
| 20 | not known at that time. Was there a similar | 20 | | but I was aware that it occurred and what the |
| 20 | understanding as there was with Abitibi at | 20 | | request was. |
| 21 | this time, we're talking about a year later, a | | | XWORTHY, Q.C.: |
| 22 | year later from when you first would have, | 22 | | Q. Sure. And if we could turn to page 3 and 4 of |
| 23 | well perhaps even a bit longer than that, when | 23 | | that order and there's an explanation there in |
| 24 | | 24 | | relation to clause 2.02 of the Service |
| Ľ | jou mot noura nuve understood that Horitor | 25 | | Teration to charge 2.02 of the bervice |

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