1 Q. Explain why it has taken 8 years for Hydro to apply to the Public Utilities 2 Board to implement the Cost of Service Methodology approved by the Board 3 in 1993, given the power policy of the Province set out in Section 3(a)(i) of 4 the Electrical Power Contract Act, 1994 providing that the rates charged 5 "should be reasonable and not unjustly discriminating." 6 7 8 A. The Public Utilities Board in 1993 approved the Cost of Service Methodology 9 for implementation at Hydro's next rate application. Since that time, Hydro, 10 from a financial perspective, has not had a requirement to request approval

from the Public Utilities Board, for an alteration in rates that it charges its

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