1 Q. Indicate the overall cost benefits to ratepayers (through reduced revenue 2 requirements in 2002 and subsequent years) provided by each of the NUGs 3 /PPAS implemented since 1992.

A. Section 17 of the Hydro Corporation Act directs the Board to include in Hydro's expenses chargeable to operating account all amounts Hydro incurs for purchased power from the Star Lake and Rattle Brook non-utility generator projects. The issue of cost-effectiveness of power purchase arrangements that Hydro has entered into with Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited and with the Exploits River Hydro Partnership, and of the recovery of those costs by Hydro through its rates, are the subject matter of Exemption Orders from the Lieutenant-Governor in Council issued under the Public Utilities Act and the Electric Power Control Act. The information requested about these matters is not required for a full understanding of the issues to be considered by the Board in this hearing.