

1 Q. Is there a date that NLH requests that the order of the Board in relation to
2 this application be issued? In your answers please set out the significance of
3 any dates and the impacts of receiving later approval?
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6 A. Hydro recovers changes in HTGS fuel related expenses through the Rate
7 Stabilization Plan (RSP). The next change in that component of Hydro's
8 rates is scheduled to occur on July 1, 2006, therefore, in order to adhere to
9 the RSP rate change schedule, a decision of the Board will have to be issued
10 prior to that time.

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12 Also, Hydro is required to file an RSP Fuel Price Projection in advance of that
13 RSP change, by the 10th working day of April. Therefore, in order to comply
14 with that April filing date, Hydro requests that the Order of the Board in this
15 matter be issued prior to April 14, 2006.