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For every dollar spent on a good or service related to the Muskrat Falls project, a portion of that dollar came back to the federal and/or provincial governments in taxes. I am no expert, but I would suggest that taxes paid on the project amount to at least 15% of the total project cost. Fifteen percent of \$12.7B is a big number (somewhere in the vicinity of \$2B) and I have to wonder how this is being accounted for during discussions on rate mitigation? I have raised this matter with Mssrs. Ball and Crosbie, Ms. Coffin, Justice Leblanc and the Auditor General over the past few months, and have yet to receive a response. It seems to me that a guaranteed return of 15% on every dollar spent may well explain why more effort was not made to rein in project costs. More importantly, it also seems to me that \$2B would go a long ways towards rate mitigation when the time comes.

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