1 **QUESTION:**

- 2 (page 12, lines 9 11) What percentage of the current average IC rate is 1 cent/kWh? How
- 3 accurately would IC rates reflect costs during the 5 year amortization period?

4 **RESPONSE:**

- 5 The average industrial rate from the 2007 COS, per NP-NLH-14, is 4.818 cents/kW.h. As a
- 6 proportion, 1 cent/kW.h is 21%.
- 7 Mr. P. Bowman cannot answer questions about the future level of rates. The level of IC base
- 8 rates from time to time would depend on Board approvals over this period, and presumably
- 9 would be based on reflecting the results of cost-of-service studies and other rate design criteria.