Q. Explain why there remained a Historical RSP Balance of (\$1,382,925) at the end of the five year collection period to recover the Historical Balance, notwithstanding Hydro's projection, as represented in Table 13 to the "Review of the Operation of the Rate Stabilization Plan", that the Historical Plan balance would be paid down completely by December 2007 and notwithstanding the Province's payment of \$10.0 million to Hydro in October 2006 to allow Hydro "to recover the historical deficit on time, without passing additional costs onto the remaining industrial customers" (in the words of the Honourable Minister Dunderdale at the time), which additional costs would have otherwise arisen due to the shutdown of the Abitibi mill in Stephenville, as approved by P.U. 31(2006).

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The Industrial Customer RSP Historical Rate for 2007 was based on the balance at December 31, 2006 divided by actual kWh Industrial Customer Sales for 2006.

Under this methodology, a balance remaining would be expected due to interest charged to the plan during 2007 and a difference in recovery resulting from actual kWhs varying from the forecasted kWhs used in the mill rate calculation. For 2007, the balance remaining at year end was also affected by Board Order Nos. P.U. 1 and 8 (2007). The contribution of each of these components to the balance remaining is quantified in the table below.

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Analysis of Industrial Customers Historical RSP Balance remaining at the end of the five year collection period	
\$ 000's	
Allocation of hydraulic variation to Industrial	
Customers per Board Order No. P.U. 8 (2007)	(2,086) See IC-NLH-4 attachment 1 page 13 note 3
Refund to Aur Resources per Board Order	
No. P.U. 1 (2007)	129 See IC-NLH-4 attachment 1 page 13 note 4
Interest charged to the Industrial Customer	
Historical Plan Balance in 2007	219 See IC-NLH-4 attachment 1 page 13 column E
Variance in recovery of historical balance due	
to kWh variance	Calculated using a kWh variance of 29,265,517
	355 multiplied by rate of 1.215 cents per kWh
	(1,383) Credit balance due to Industrial Customers