1 <u>TOPIC:</u> TESTIMONY REFERENCES

2 **PREAMBLE:**

- 3 Page 11: "...reallocating past and ongoing residual IC RSP balances to NP has no basis in the
- 4 RSP principles, as agreed to by customer groups and approved by the Board."

5 **QUESTION:**

- 6 Does Mr. Bowman agree that the interim approval of customer rates generally results in a further
- 7 review of their appropriateness by the Board, prior to the provision of final approval of customer
- 8 rates by the Board? If not, why not?

9 **RESPONSE:**

- 10 Yes. However it is important to note that while the RSP rate (meaning the amounts charged or
- credited to customers towards balances in the RSP) may have been approved on an interim basis,
- 12 to the best of Mr. P. Bowman's knowledge the RSP terms (the rules for calculating the amounts
- 13 Hydro charges to or credits to the RSP each month) were not. The current balances in the RSP
- arise primarily as a result of the terms of the RSP (only a portion of the balances arises from
- 15 continuing to charge the non-Teck ICs for amortization of balances that were long ago paid
- 16 down).