

1 Q. Describe all reasonable alternatives that could be considered to distribute the Rate  
2 Stabilization Plan Surplus.

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5 A. Hydro's proposed approach recommends that the RSP Surplus be refunded to  
6 customers on their April 2014 electricity bills. Using this method, there is no  
7 incremental effort required to identify customers who will receive the refund – it  
8 will be the customers who receive an April bill. Additionally, Hydro's  
9 recommendation that the most recent calendar year, January 1, 2013 to December  
10 31, 2013, be used as the basis of the refund, should facilitate data access and  
11 verification.

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13 On the other hand, if it was decided that the refund was to be distributed over all  
14 energy consumption over the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2013,  
15 there are an estimated 76,000 customers, for example, who are no longer on the  
16 system. Efforts to identify these customers would take some time. Additionally, if  
17 there are seven years of data to compile and verify, rather than one, this activity as  
18 well could take additional time. Hydro views this option as one of the least  
19 reasonable.

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21 There are increasing levels of complexity introduced and an increase in the number  
22 of customers who have left the system as one moves from Hydro's proposal of an  
23 April 2013 billing / 2013 consumption basis to an option of using all 2007 to 2013  
24 consumption. Hydro believes its proposal is a reasonable means to distribute the  
25 RSP Surplus.