

1 Q. At page 8 of Mr. Henderson's pre-filed evidence, he states: "The deferred rate increase  
2 from 2006 should be considered as having been addressed by provincial government,  
3 and not be a part of any consideration of rate increases in 2016 and into the future."  
4 Please explain in detail Mr. Henderson's reasons for considering that the deferred rate  
5 increase from 2006 has been addressed by the provincial government.  
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7 A. A "deferral" would conventionally be a term used when a planned electricity rate  
8 increase is postponed over the short term (for example, a year or two). The decision by  
9 the provincial government of the time to defer a rate increase in 2006 lies almost a  
10 decade in the past. Since that decision was made, no provincial government has  
11 reversed the deferral directive. This appears to constitute a government policy decision  
12 not to have a rate increase affected on electricity customers definitively. It is difficult to  
13 comprehend how a rate increase originally scheduled for 2006, and not yet introduced  
14 by 2015, is anything but a provincial policy decision that the 2006 rate increase was not  
15 supported by the provincial government at the time, and all governments since.