

1 Q. **Re: NLH Evidence, Section 2, Schedule IV**

2 Note 5 states: "Natuashish is operated by Hydro for the Department of Indian  
3 and Northern Affairs with full cost recovery."

4 Please provide copies of the agreements and all related correspondence  
5 establishing this relationship.  
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8 A. There are no formal agreements with either Mushuau Innu First Nation (MIFN) or  
9 the Federal Government with respect to this matter. While negotiations were held  
10 with MIFN and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC – now Aboriginal Affairs  
11 and Northern Development Canada) regarding a formal operating agreement for  
12 the operation at Natuashish, no formal agreement has been reached. Over a span  
13 of several years, meetings were held and draft agreements circulated without  
14 conclusion of a final agreement. In that period, Hydro continued to operate and  
15 maintain the Natuashish electrical system. An Operating Committee was also  
16 created to deal with any issues arising from this arrangement. Hydro continues to  
17 operate and maintain the electrical system in good faith.  
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19 The portion of this request which requests "all related correspondence" is too  
20 broad and unfocused, is unnecessarily onerous, and is not required for a full  
21 understanding of the issues raised for determination before the Board in this  
22 proceeding.