

1 Q. Re: IN-NLH-103, Att. 1, page 47 of 66.

2 The Report cites s. 73 (1) of the *Public Utilities Act*:

3 All tolls, rates and charges shall always, under substantially
4 similar circumstances and conditions in respect of service of
5 the same description, be charged equally to all persons and
6 at the same rate, and the board may by regulation declare
7 what shall constitute substantially similar circumstances and
8 conditions.

9 Has the Board declared by regulation what shall constitute substantially similar
10 circumstances and conditions? If so, please provide references.
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13 A. To Hydro's knowledge, the Board has not declared by regulation what constitutes
14 substantially similar circumstances and conditions, however, the Board has
15 approved different costs of service for different electrical systems or groups of
16 systems. Hydro has two interconnected systems each with their own cost
17 structures and rates (the Labrador Interconnected System and the Island
18 Interconnected System) and provides electrical service in its Rural Isolated Systems
19 which are treated as three systems for costing purposes (Labrador Rural Isolated,
20 Island Rural Isolated and L'Anse au Loup).