Q. Preamble: At page 16 of his pre-field evidence, Mr Brockman states:

In the past, the Labrador Interconnected customers have enjoyed rates nearly half of those paid by Newfoundland Power, because their power supply was isolated from the Island system, and it was largely hydraulic. Once the Labrador Interconnection is complete, the Labrador Interconnected System will no longer be electrically separate from the Island. When that occurs, all of Hydro's interconnected customers will be part of a single system. Under that scenario, it is conceivable that all interconnected customers would pay uniform rates.

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In Mr Brockman's view, after the "Labrador Interconnection" is complete, will the power supply on the Island be indistinguishable from that in Labrador? Please explain.

A. Whether the power supply on the Island will be "indistinguishable" from that in Labrador once the Labrador and Island electrical systems are no longer be electrically isolated from each other will depend on the criteria under which they are being considered.

For Mr. Brockman's views on how individual sources of supply may be considered in rate-setting following the merger of smaller power systems, see the response to Request for Information CA-NP-006.