

1 Q. **2013 General Rate Application, Deferral and Recovery Mechanisms**

2 Page 4.25, lines 6-7 - Explain in detail why calculating the variances due to load
3 changes in isolated systems would “*present challenges*”.

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6 A. As stated in the above referenced section, there are 21 diesel plants, with a
7 minimum of three units each. There is a varying conversion factor (kWh/litre)
8 retained for every diesel generating plant. Calculation of the fuel impacts of a load
9 change would require using conversion factors by plant, and thus load variances by
10 system. In Hydro’s opinion, the anticipated level of complexity is not warranted
11 due to the materiality of such load variations.