

1    Q.    Hydro filed its 2013 General Rate Application on July 30, 2013. Please explain in  
2        detail why Hydro did not file its application or request for interim rate relief at that  
3        time.

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6    A.    While Hydro did not specifically ask for an interim rates order at the time that the  
7        GRA was filed on July 30 2013, it was always considered a possibility that an interim  
8        rates order might be necessary given the size and complexity of the GRA filing.  
9        When it became clear that a final order from the Board in respect of the GRA could  
10      not be made before the end of the year, Hydro began work on its interim rates filing  
11      and advised parties at a meeting of Counsel on September 12, 2013 that it would be  
12      filing an Application for interim rates for January 1, 2014.