

1 Q. CA-NLH-193 requested an explanation and justification why a longer average  
2 service life with a different curve shape would not be more appropriate than the 55  
3 year, R4 curve being proposed. The response did not address this request for  
4 information. Hydro's response, fully addressing the request for information, is  
5 requested.

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8 A. As indicated in CA-NLH-116, Gannett Fleming provided the reasons that a life of not  
9 longer than 55 years was deemed appropriate. Notwithstanding the lack of historical  
10 retirement experience, Gannett Fleming believes that a ten year life extension, which  
11 provides for a 22 percent increase in the life estimate, is significant. If in future  
12 studies, the trend of a lack of retirement continues, Gannett Fleming would  
13 recommend a life extension at that time. In this manner, a moderated approach to  
14 very significant life extensions results and the risk of a large loss on retirement is  
15 reduced.

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17 Please also refer to CA-NLH-268.