

1 **Reference: As outlined in response to CA-NLH-254, Hydro's hydraulic assets date back to**  
2 **1967 and that "The practice has been ...that once the sinking fund rate is established for an**  
3 **asset, that rate remains in place for the life of the asset."**

4 **In his evidence at page 15, lines 22 to 24, Mr. Pous states "Unfortunately, the total**  
5 **justification, substantiation, and documentation Hydro chose to present in support of its**  
6 **burden of proof rests on one word in the final sentence to its response to a data request.**  
7 **That singular word is "practice..."**

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9 **Q. Does Mr. Pous accept that it is a Board-approved practice? If Mr. Pous does not**  
10 **accept that it is a Board-approved practice, please provide all documented**  
11 **justification that supports that response.**

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13 **A. No. Please see P.U. 7(2002-2003).**