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Please explain in full why Mr. Pous believes that it is appropriate to recommend adjustments to these 10 accounts without providing the Board a full review which includes Hydro's remaining accounts?

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Hydro maintains 136 separate accounts. The review and adequate analysis of all 136 accounts could not be performed within the time schedule permitted for the depreciation proceeding. This is especially true given Hydro's lack of responsiveness to numerous data requests associated with the accounts that were investigated. In addition, there are other problems with the Gannett Fleming study that correction of such would be extremely time consuming based on the need to perform such analysis on all 136 accounts. In future depreciation reviews, hopefully fewer problems will be presented and fewer accounts relied upon by Hydro in its presentation, thus enabling further correction to Hydro's presentation at that time. The complete correction for all of Hydro's accounts most likely will take several attempts over several different depreciation studies.