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1 Q. Please indicate if Hydro had adopted or otherwise subscribed to or testified to a
2 threshold that would distinguish the presence of "rate shock". Please provide all
3 relevant references in support to regulatory literature, publications, and previous
4 PUB decisions.

A. Hydro has not adopted or otherwise subscribed to or testified to a threshold that would distinguish the presence of "rate shock". Hydro has considered whether rate shock is present and should be mitigated based upon specific circumstances at a point in time. In the current Application, for instance, the Province has directed the Board to phase in the proposed 2013 GRA rate increase for Industrial Customers. A three-year phase-in can reasonably be assumed to mitigate rate shock effects.