

1 Q. So long as there is compliance with the terms of OC2013-090 (as amended), please  
2 indicate the respective advantages and disadvantages of the Board's ordering  
3 implementation of *final* vs. *interim* Island Industrial customer rates and Rate  
4 Stabilization Plan rules on September 1, 2013.

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7 A. Provided that sufficient certainty exists, Hydro submits that it is generally  
8 preferable and sound ratemaking practice to make rates through a final order as  
9 opposed to an interim order. Interim rates are useful where there are issues that  
10 remain to be resolved, upon which the Board will obtain additional useful  
11 information about some factor or variable, especially where the factor or variable  
12 might cause the Board to reach a different conclusion.

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14 In the present matter, Hydro believes there is sufficient certainty about the issues  
15 for Industrial Customer rates for the Board to issue a final order arising from the  
16 information and submissions to be made in this hearing. Please refer to the  
17 responses to PUB-NLH-1 and PUB-NLH-2 for Hydro's position on interim and final  
18 approval in this matter.