| 1 | Q. | Reference: At page 5 of Order No. P.U. 39(2014) in relation to Newfoundland |
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| 2 | | and Labrador Hydro - Second Application for the Interim Approval of Customer |
| 3 | | Electricity Rates for 2014, the Board stated: |
| 4 | | "Hydro further explains that its 2014 financial outlook has changed materially |
| 5 | | since the filing of the general rate application forecast, noting that additional |
| 6 | | supply costs of \$10 million were incurred in the first quarter of 2014, Hydro also |
| 7 | | states that it will incur additional costs in 2014 associated with the Board's |
| 8 | | ongoing review of the Island Interconnected System supply issues and power |
| 9 | | outages. Hydro submits that the Application demonstrates its requirement for |
| 10 | | additional revenue in 2014 and balances the objectives of reasonable cost |
| 11 | | recovery and customer impacts." |
| 12 | | And at page 11, the Board indicated: |
| 13 | | "the approval of interim relief in advance of the conclusion of a general rate |
| 14 | | application is an extraordinary measure which must be fully justified in the |
| 15 | | circumstances. Hydro now advises that its 2014 financial outlook has changed |
| 16 | | materially since the filing of the general rate application and that it plans to file |
| 17 | | an amended general rate application with updated forecasts. The Board finds that |
| 18 | | it is not clear that the evidence filed reflects Hydro's financial circumstances for |
| 19 | | 2014 and further that the evidence does not adequately address customer |
| 20 | | impacts. Hydro has failed to provide a reasonable evidentiary basis consistent |
| 21 | | with good utility practice to justify the proposed revenue transfer." |
| 22 | | Please describe how the application for deferral and recovery of expenses |
| 23 | | associated with the increased capacity-related supply costs is materially different |
| 24 | | from the financial relief sought by Hydro in its Second Interim Rates Application. |
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Please see Hydro's responses to CA-NLH-002 and NP-NLH-020.

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