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1 **I. Identification and Qualifications**

2 **Q: Mr. Chernick, please state your name, occupation and business address.**

3 A: I am Paul L. Chernick. I am the president of Resource Insight, Inc., 5 Water
4 Street, Arlington, Massachusetts.

5 **Q: Summarize your professional education and experience.**

6 A: I received an SB degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in
7 June 1974 from the Civil Engineering Department, and an SM degree from
8 the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in February 1978 in technology
9 and policy. I have been elected to membership in the civil engineering
10 honorary society Chi Epsilon, and the engineering honour society Tau Beta
11 Pi, and to associate membership in the research honorary society Sigma Xi.

12 I was a utility analyst for the Massachusetts Attorney General for more
13 than three years, and was involved in numerous aspects of utility rate design,
14 costing, load forecasting, and the evaluation of power supply options. Since
15 1981, I have been a consultant in utility regulation and planning, first as a
16 research associate at Analysis and Inference, after 1986 as president of PLC,
17 Inc., and in my current position at Resource Insight. In these capacities, I
18 have advised a variety of clients on utility matters.

19 My work has considered, among other things, integrated resource
20 planning, the cost-effectiveness of prospective new generation plants and
21 transmission lines, retrospective review of generation-planning decisions,
22 ratemaking for plant under construction, ratemaking for excess and/or
23 uneconomical plant entering service, conservation program design, cost
24 recovery for utility efficiency programs, the valuation of environmental
25 externalities from energy production and use, allocation of costs of service

1 between rate classes and jurisdictions, design of retail and wholesale rates,
2 and performance-based ratemaking and cost recovery in restructured gas and
3 electric industries. My professional qualifications are further summarized in
4 Exhibit GAC-PC-1.

5 **Q: Have you testified previously in utility proceedings?**

6 A: Yes. I have testified more than two hundred and fifty times on utility issues
7 before regulators in thirty U.S. jurisdictions and five Canadian provinces. My
8 previous testimony is listed in my resume.

9 **Q: Have you testified previously before this Board?**

10 A: Yes. I testified in the following proceedings:

- 11 • the 2008/09 general rate application (“GRA”) of Manitoba Hydro
- 12 (“MH,” “the Company” or “Hydro”),
- 13 • Hydro’s 2008 Energy-Intensive Industrial Rate proceeding,
- 14 • Hydro’s 2010 GRA,
- 15 • Hydro’s 2012 GRA,
- 16 • the 2014 review of the need for and alternatives to the Keeyask hydro-
- 17 electric plant and other facilities, and
- 18 • the Board’s 2016 Cost of Service Methodology Review.

19 **II. Introduction**

20 **Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?**

21 A: My testimony is sponsored by Green Action Centre (“GAC”).

22 **Q: What is the purpose of your direct testimony?**

23 A: My sponsors have asked me to review three areas of Hydro’s filings:
24 marginal costs, rate design (considering both efficiency and affordability) and

1 the Cost-of-Service Study. I review Hydro's estimates of marginal costs in
2 the context of their use in rate design. My review of these issues is consistent
3 with the Public Utility Board's concern about inefficient pricing and
4 environmental emissions:

5 The Board seeks to assure itself that MH's rate design and rates are con-
6 sistent with the pursuit of the environmental objectives of The
7 Sustainable Development Act (SDA). Energy efficiency presents the
8 potential for a virtuous circle, wherein lower domestic consumption
9 results in reduced customer bills, higher MH aggregate net export
10 revenue and net income, and lower carbon emissions by MH's American
11 export customers. (PUB Order 117/06, p. 3)

12 The Board (along with other parties) has expressed concern that rapidly
13 rising rates will disproportionately burden low-income, high energy-use
14 customers, and that some rate designs that encourage energy conservation
15 (particularly inclining block rates) may further burden those customers,
16 especially where natural gas is not available. I therefore propose changes in
17 rate design to promote more efficient energy use while avoiding undue
18 burden for lower-income households and those heating with electricity.

19 In connection with these topics, I also testify on the shortcomings in
20 Hydro's documentation of its analyses and on the information available about
21 Hydro's marginal costs.

22 **III. Reviewability of Manitoba Hydro's Proposals and Analyses**

23 **Q: Has the Company provided adequate documentation of its marginal cost**
24 **analysis?**

25 **A:** No. The Company refused to provide its marginal generation cost estimates
26 disaggregated into capacity and energy and by season, as well as supporting
27 analyses. This information is essential to evaluating the Company's rate
28 design proposals and to developing alternatives.

1 **Q: What is Manitoba Hydro’s explanation for its refusal to provide**
2 **documentation of its marginal generation cost estimates?**

3 A: Hydro refused to provide any breakdown of its marginal generation estimates
4 or its supporting analysis on the following grounds, arguing that the estimates
5 were based on commercially sensitive information, in particular, the expected
6 value of electricity exports:

7 the generation marginal cost values, including the detailed breakdown of
8 generation marginal cost values are derived from and are very closely
9 related to the electricity export price forecast which is confidential and
10 commercially sensitive information. (GAC/MH II-8a)

11 **Q: Do utilities generally release the derivation of their estimates of marginal**
12 **(or avoided) costs?**

13 A: Yes. I cannot recall a similar situation in which a utility has so broadly
14 refused to document its estimates of avoided costs.¹

15 In New England, the regional avoided costs (excluding losses and T&D,
16 which are added by individual utilities) are derived in a collaborative process
17 (for which I have been one of the consultants in three of the five biennial
18 rounds) of the electric and gas utilities, consumer representatives,
19 environmental advocates, and regulators.² This work shows detailed avoided-
20 cost projections. California has similarly derived avoided costs through a
21 public process of comments and workshops. If Manitoba Hydro cannot

¹In some cases, utilities will request protected status for certain inputs, such as detailed forecasts of market prices, releasing that information only to parties who are not engaged in power trading. In more than 20 years of reviewing avoided-cost estimates, I cannot recall a situation in which the utility has refused to even break out generation energy from capacity costs.

²Most recently: Hornby, Rick, et al., March 2015. “Avoided Energy Supply Costs in New England: 2015 Report.” Northborough, Mass.: Avoided-Energy-Supply-Component Study Group. This report provides detailed avoided-cost projections for electricity and natural gas.

1 develop reviewable avoided and marginal costs, the Board may need to
2 establish a similar process in Manitoba.

3 **IV. Estimate of Marginal Costs for Rate Design**

4 **Q: Why are marginal costs important for the Company's ratemaking?**

5 A: Marginal costs indicate the value of load reductions and the cost of load
6 increases. Those values are important in the design of rates (e.g., using
7 marginal costs to set the tail block of an inclining block rate or to rebalance
8 GS rates between demand and energy charges).

9 **Q: Does the Company agree that rate design should reflect marginal cost?**

10 A: Yes.

11 An important consideration is that rate structures should provide
12 appropriate price signals regarding the value of energy and should
13 promote the efficient and economic use of energy. Efficient and
14 economic use refers to the optimal use of energy, which is not
15 necessarily the least possible consumption of energy.

16 b) Conservation rates that are designed with a tail block priced
17 significantly higher than marginal cost may not be optimal. Pricing
18 marginal use in excess of marginal cost may reduce consumption below
19 the optimal level that would theoretically be achieved by pricing at
20 marginal cost. (Coalition/MH I-131)

21 **Q: Has Manitoba Hydro provided its estimate of long-run marginal cost?**

22 A: Yes. Hydro estimates long-run marginal cost (in 2016 dollars) to be 7.67
23 cents per kWh (Coalition/MH II-35a) at the distribution level and 6.64 cents
24 per kWh at the transmission level (GAC/MH II-24b). This estimate consists
25 of the following cost components:

- 26 • A marginal generation cost of 5.55 cents per kWh (excluding losses)
27 (Tab 8).

- 1 • A marginal transmission cost of 0.49 cents per kWh (based on a
2 marginal value of \$42.33/kW/year divided over 8760 hours) (GAC/MH
3 II-24b; GAC/MH I-39 Attachment, p. 27).
- 4 • A marginal distribution cost of 0.77 cents per kWh (based on a marginal
5 value of \$58.12/kW/year divided over 8760 hours). (Coalition/MH II-
6 35a; GAC/MH I-39 Attachment, p. 47).
- 7 • Loss factors of 14% for distribution-level loads and 10% for
8 transmission level loads.

9 **A. *Estimate of Marginal Generation Cost***

10 **Q: How does MH estimate marginal generation cost?**

11 A: The marginal generation cost estimate consists of energy and capacity cost
12 components determined by year and season. Even though the Company
13 insists that rate design reflect marginal cost, it has refused to provide its
14 generation estimate broken down by cost component or by season, even in
15 the most aggregate levelized form:

16 the generation marginal cost values, including the detailed breakdown of
17 generation marginal cost values are derived from and are very closely
18 related to the electricity export price forecast which is confidential and
19 commercially sensitive information. (GAC/MH II-8a)

20 Nor would MH provide its forecast of generation capacity prices
21 (GAC/MH II-8g). MH insists that, even in the most aggregate form, its
22 marginal-cost estimates would be too detailed to be provided to intervenors.
23 (PUB/MH I-131b, GAC/MH II-8a).

24 In addition, MH has provided only a summary description of its
25 methodology (GAC/MH I-34; PUB/MH 1-131b; GAC/MH II-8a-n)

1 **Q: Is it possible to develop efficient marginal-cost-based alternative rate**
2 **designs without the information?**

3 A: No. Seasonal price differentials, time-of-use rates, and inclining-block rates
4 are inherently dependent on a projection (or at least a general understanding)
5 of the composition of marginal costs. Given Manitoba Hydro's refusal to
6 share major parts of its projections (including the underlying methodology), I
7 have been able to make some adjustments to Hydro's marginal-cost estimate,
8 to guide my rate-design proposals, but the scope of my review and
9 corrections has been limited.

10 This hearing may leave the Board in an awkward situation, with the
11 intervenors filing evidence based on their interpretation of MH's limited
12 public information, while the IEC develops quite different information, based
13 on the ability to review and correct MH's analysis.

14 **Q: Does MH propose an alternative to providing marginal generation cost**
15 **estimates and analysis to intervenors?**

16 A: Yes. MH suggests that Surplus Energy Program rates provide a reasonable
17 proxy for marginal generation cost:

18 In response to the question as to how marginal-cost based rates may be
19 considered in the event that this information is commercially sensitive,
20 Manitoba Hydro suggests that it may be possible to rely on publicly
21 available pricing from Surplus Energy Program rates that are approved
22 each week by the PUB. Seasonal trends in pricing may be discerned
23 from the 52 weekly rate Orders issued by the PUB, which are
24 summarized on pages 5 through 7 in the Report to the Public Utilities
25 Board – Surplus Energy Program, found at Appendix 9.9 of this
26 Application. (GAC/MH II-8a)

1 **Q: Can SEP prices provide a reasonable representation of Manitoba**
2 **Hydro’s marginal generation costs?**

3 A: No. SEP prices are for interruptible energy, set weekly, without capacity.
4 Marginal generation costs would include the costs of the higher-priced
5 periods in which Manitoba Hydro interrupts SEP supply, as well as firm
6 capacity and other costs of firming supply.

7 The SEP pricing also appears to be for relatively flat energy deliveries
8 to industrial customers, rather than the weather-sensitive varying loads of
9 residential and smaller general-service customers.

10 **Q: How did Manitoba Hydro derive its estimate of marginal generation**
11 **energy cost?**

12 A: Hydro uses an in-house production-costing model (SPLASH) to simulate
13 system operation of its generation system 35 years into the future (PUB/MH
14 I-131b, GAC/MH II-8b), for two load cases: a base case and “decrement”
15 case assuming a constant decrease in load over the year:

16 The first simulation run is a base case, which corresponds to the IFF
17 case. In order to determine marginal value, a second simulation is
18 undertaken in which the load is reduced from the base case by a constant
19 increment in each month for a total of 500 GWh over the year as an
20 example. The net difference in production costs between the two
21 simulations for each year of the study period is divided by the energy
22 associated with the incremental load change to derive the marginal
23 generation value in dollars per megawatt hour. (PUB/MH I-131b)³

³ Note that Hydro says that the second simulation reduces load by an increment, which may mean that load is increased by an increment or decreased by a decrement. Also, Hydro says that the “increment” is constant in every month, which may mean that it is constant in every hour, or that the hourly load reductions are greater in February than in January (since February has fewer hours) or may mean something else. Again, MH fails to clearly describe its computations.

1 The simulation includes three areas outside Manitoba: Saskatchewan,
2 Ontario and MISO. (GAC/MH II-8d)

3 **Q: Have you identified any problems with MH's marginal generation**
4 **energy cost methodology?**

5 A: Since I have not been able to check any part of the actual analysis, my review
6 is limited. However, based on what MH has said about its approach, I have
7 identified issues:

- 8 • Assuming a constant load decrement through the year does not capture
9 the costs imposed by retail load, which tends to be higher in high-priced
10 intervals, such as the hottest summer days, the coldest winter days, and
11 on-peak hours in all seasons.
- 12 • The cost incurred by an increment in retail load represents the loss of
13 export sales that could have been made without the load increment. The
14 additional export sales that result from a reduction in load (such as MH
15 modeled) will tend to be lower than lost exports from a load increase.
16 The best sales opportunities can be booked without the load decrement,
17 and additional energy freed up by reduced retail load is likely to find a
18 less lucrative market, or even be bottled up in Manitoba, for lack of
19 transmission.

20 **Q: Was the generation capacity cost estimate an output of its runs of the**
21 **SPLASH production costing model runs, which MH considers to be so**
22 **sensitive and confidential?**

23 A: No. Hydro's estimates of marginal generation capacity cost were developed
24 externally based on its forecast of the market value of capacity, which MH
25 claims is also confidential:

1 the information on the value of generation capacity comes from
2 proprietary forecasts, thus all elements are considered confidential.
3 (GAC/MH II-8(i))

4 **Q: Did you request that the Company provide whatever non-confidential**
5 **information it could provide on its generation capacity cost methodology**
6 **and input assumptions?**

7 A: Yes. In response, the Company insisted that since the electricity export
8 forecast is confidential, everything about it is confidential (GAC/MH II-8i)

9 ...the information on the value of generation capacity comes from
10 proprietary forecasts, thus all elements are considered confidential.

11 MH provided only the following vague description:

12 The capacity value is based on the market value for capacity as
13 contained in the electricity export price forecast for the Midcontinent
14 Independent System Operator (MISO) market. The market value for
15 generation capacity represents the fixed annual cost of securing new
16 capacity in the MISO market based on the net Cost of New Entry
17 (CONE). The net CONE value represents the annualized capital and
18 fixed O&M costs of a new capacity resource (which may or may not be
19 a SCCT) minus any annual operational profit that would have been
20 achieved in the energy market. In the nearer term, the value of
21 generation capacity is much lower than the net CONE due to the current
22 over supply of generation capacity in the MISO market. (COAL/MH I-
23 133a)

24 In other words, MH's forecast of capacity cost may or may not reflect
25 MISO's CONE, which may or may not reflect the annualized cost of an
26 SCCT.

27 **Q: What would the market capacity costs to which Manitoba Hydro refers**
28 **mean in terms of marginal costs?**

29 A: The CONE for MISO Zone 1 (Minnesota, North Dakota, and western
30 Wisconsin) was \$258.32/MW-day, or \$94.29/kW-year in the capacity auction

1 for summer 2017. The clearing price was \$1.50/MW-day, down from
2 \$19.72/MW-day in 2016.

3 Capacity at the CONE price, with a 12% reserve margin and 14% for
4 losses to secondary, would account for some \$13.7/MWh in marginal costs
5 for a secondary customer with a flat load, or about \$22.9/MWh for residential
6 and small general-service loads with 60% load factors. With the 2016
7 clearing price, the secondary-voltage marginal cost would be under \$2/MWh.

8 **Q: What kinds of information about its generation capacity cost estimate**
9 **should MH be able to provide?**

10 A: MH should be able to provide the following kinds of information:

- 11 • How the capacity cost estimate takes into account the Manitoba Hydro
12 system 12% planning reserve margin (GAC/MH I-35b).
- 13 • Whether generation capacity cost reflects the value of dependable or
14 just opportunity power.
- 15 • The projected generation capacity need date assumed in the marginal
16 capacity cost estimate.
- 17 • How MH developed its summer and winter generation capacity cost
18 estimates in cost per kW and how these estimates combined to estimate
19 annual capacity cost.

20 **Q: Can you recommend a solution to non-reviewability of marginal cost**
21 **estimates?**

22 A: The Board should direct MH to use a marginal-cost methodology that is not
23 extraordinarily confidential, which could be evaluated by intervenors and
24 used in public debate on the formulation of rate design. There are
25 methodologies widely accepted by other utilities that are reviewable by

1 intervenors. Most utility marginal-cost studies are either entirely public
2 documents or are available to intervenors under confidentiality agreements.

3 **B. Estimate of Marginal T&D Cost**

4 **Q: What was the basis of MH’s marginal T&D cost estimates?**

5 A: Manitoba Hydro applies a One-Year Deferral (OYD) Method to a ten-year
6 forecast of load-growth-related capital expenditures and system load growth
7 for the period 2016/17 through 2025/26. The forecast of expenditures is
8 derived from various of the Company’s Capital Expenditure Forecasts
9 (CEFs), including CEF14-1 for transmission and CEF15-1 for distribution.
10 (GAC/MH I-39, p. 7, 33)⁴

11 For purposes of the study, the Company separates the expenditures for
12 each function into two groups: the Major projects that exceed \$2 million and
13 Domestic items that consist of many smaller projects. The CEFs use different
14 terminology, such as the use of a Base Capital category, complicating
15 comparisons among documents.

16 The marginal cost study identifies the load-related portion of Major
17 expenditures on a project-by-project basis (GAC/MH I-39, Table E.1;
18 GAC/MH II- 188, Attachment), although in some cases, the “project” is
19 actually a program of multiple projects in different locations.⁵ All Major
20 projects included have in-service dates within the 10-year planning period.

21 For many projects (but certainly not all), the load-related portion in the

⁴ The Marginal Transmission Cost report also states on page 11 that it relies on CEF15-1; different capital forecasts are used for various parts of the distribution analysis.

⁵ The Major projects used to estimate the load-related fraction of investments are not necessarily the same as the projects to which that fraction is applied.

1 marginal-cost study is consistent with the portion of costs categorized as
2 “capacity enhancement” in the project justification documents that MH
3 provided in Coalition/MH I-173 Attachment 2 (for transmission) and
4 Attachment 3 (for distribution).

5 Rather than using a forecast of the Domestic investments, Hydro’s
6 marginal-cost study uses the projected costs in a single year to estimate the
7 percent of costs that are load-related. For transmission, MH assumes that
8 level of Domestic expenditures will continue. I have not been able to
9 determine how MH treated future Domestic distribution costs, since MH
10 presents its capital forecast as a single number for each year.

11 **Q: Have you been able to confirm MH’s calculations?**

12 A: Only approximately. MH has not provided its workpapers in electronic form,
13 or provided the basis for the costs it uses. Hydro conducts its analysis in
14 multiple steps, changing the underlying data between steps. In one step,
15 Hydro estimates the percentage of costs that are load related, using one set of
16 annual costs by project. In the next step, Hydro applies those percentages to a
17 different set of annual costs, to derive an estimate of levelized marginal costs.
18 The percentages that Hydro uses in the second step are not quite the same as
19 those that it derives in the first step.

20 As a result of the complexity of Hydro’s analysis, the lack of
21 spreadsheet documentation, the absence of justification documents (or even a
22 project list) for the projects used in the second step, and the inconsistencies
23 within Hydro’s analysis, I cannot follow the multiple steps from the
24 justification documents and the Capital Expenditure Forecast data to the
25 computation of the load-related percentage and the total annual investment,
26 and thus to the costs in \$/kW-year.

1 **Q: What problems have you identified with the analysis of the major**
2 **projects, common to the marginal transmission and distribution cost**
3 **estimates?**

4 A: I identified the following problems, in addition to the lack of clear
5 documentation of the analysis:

- 6 • The analysis excludes the costs incurred before the planning period for
7 major projects expected to be completed in the planning period.
8 (GAC/MH II-19 (a)-(c)).
- 9 • There are almost no major individual T&D projects in the last 5 years of
10 the planning period. While MH inserts various generic items, the
11 planned expenditures in the latter half of the planning period are
12 depressed, apparently because MH has not yet developed detailed plans
13 for those years (GAC/MH I-39 Attachment, p. 14).
- 14 • MH categorizes some expenditures as being related to outages or to
15 removal of aging but still useful equipment and unrelated to load, even
16 though the justification documents indicate that the project would not be
17 required without load growth. These costs are load-related and should
18 be included in the estimate of marginal cost.
- 19 • Hydro converts the cost per kW-year into a cost per kWh for a flat load,
20 with a 100% load factor, rather than a typical load shape by class. That
21 load shape is not representative of most end uses, and certainly not of
22 the average end uses for which Hydro's load forecast projects a 62%
23 load factor (Appendix 8.1, Schedule 4.1). Revising MH's estimate of
24 the marginal costs to reflect system load factor produces marginal
25 transmission costs of 0.9¢/kWh and marginal distribution costs of
26 1.2¢/kWh. The marginal cost by rate class should be computed using the
27 class load factor.

- 1 • MH did not include any marginal O&M costs for either transmission or
2 distribution (GAC/MH I-40a).

3 **Q: Does Hydro recognize that its analysis may understate marginal cost**
4 **because it lacks committed projects in the latter half of the planning**
5 **period?**

6 A: Yes. Manitoba Hydro acknowledges that limited information regarding future
7 budgets affects its marginal-cost estimates.

8 Predicting future expenditures becomes more difficult when examining
9 costs further out on the planning horizon. This may have some impact
10 on the significantly lower planned expenditures in 2021/22 and 2022/23.
11 Currently planned annual project expenditures within this time period
12 fall within the \$30 - \$35M range. There may be additional projects, not
13 yet identified, which may increase costs within this timeframe...
14 (GAC/MH I-39 Attachment, p. 14)

15 A quick review of Hydro’s CEF shows that it has indeed tended to
16 understate expenditures beyond the next few years. For example, Table 1
17 shows that the 2013 CEF included transmission investments for 2017–2020
18 that were radically lower than the costs projected in the 2016 CEF. The
19 understatement started just four years into the projection from the 2013 CEF.

20 **Table 1: Comparison of Transmission Expenditure Forecasts (\$M)**

	2013	2016	Increase
2014	36		
2015	71		
2016	78		
2017	36	159	342%
2018	35	144	309%
2019	74	128	74%
2020	58	136	135%
2021	86	95	11%
2022	84	60	-28%

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1 **Q: Does Hydro attempt to adjust its analysis to correct for the relatively**
2 **short time frame of T&D budgeting?**

3 A: Yes, but only for the major transmission expenditures, not for distribution. To
4 “more accurately represent final load-related costs” in the last three years,
5 MH used a proxy cost equal to the average expenditure over the previous
6 seven years. (GAC/MH I-39 Attachment, p. 14)

7 **Q: Is this proxy a valid substitution for realistic ten-year projection of**
8 **transmission expenditures?**

9 A: No, for at least two reasons:

- 10 • The expenditures assumed in the last three years are essentially synthetic
11 data, rather than actual cost projections and therefore should not affect the
12 marginal cost estimates one way or another.
- 13 • An average of expenditures in the first seven years is likely to be an
14 underestimate, since the plan of major transmission projects in the
15 marginal transmission study includes only one project starting after the
16 first year. (GAC/MH I-39 Attachment, p. 22–24)
- 17 • The expenditures listed in GAC/MH II-22d include only seven active
18 individual transmission projects in 2019/20, and one each in 2020/21 and
19 2021/22.

20 **Q: What is MH’s justification for omitting T&D O&M from the estimate of**
21 **marginal T&D costs?**

22 A: MH argues that the effect of load growth on O&M is minor and difficult to
23 estimate. According to the 2015 marginal transmission cost study,

24 [T]he impact is small and incremental O&M due to a small change in
25 demand is difficult to determine: it is estimated that including these
26 costs may add approximately 1% to 2% in the avoided T&D costs.
27 (GAC/MH I-39 Attachment, page 7)

1 **Q: Does MH's argument have merit?**

2 A: No. MH fails to recognize that the O&M associated with load-related
3 projects is also load-related.

4 Manitoba Hydro is correct that demand does not increase most T&D
5 O&M costs directly (although higher loads on line transformers, underground
6 lines and overhead lines increases the failure rate of that equipment, and
7 hence increases maintenance costs). Load-related additions of new
8 substation, new transmission lines, and in many cases new feeders will
9 increase maintenance costs.

10 I have not attempted to disaggregate the capital additions in the MH
11 marginal T&D analysis between new equipment, replacements in kind, and
12 so on, and then apply the system average ratio of O&M to gross plant or
13 other measure of installed plant by type. At this point, it is clear that MH left
14 a component out of its marginal-cost analysis, but not the magnitude of that
15 omitted cost.

16 *1. Marginal Transmission Costs*

17 **Q: Were some of costs of the transmission projects in MH's marginal-cost
18 analysis incurred before the planning period?**

19 A: Yes. Table 2 provides a comparison of expenditures in the planning period
20 and in total on six major transmission projects that MH identified as 100%
21 load-related in the transmission marginal cost study.

1 **Table 2: Omitted Costs of Major Transmission Projects**

	% Load- Related	Project Total Expenditure	
		Marginal Cost Study	CEF15 or CEF16
Rockwood East 230/115kV Station	100%	0.2	53.2
Winnipeg- Brandon System Improvements	100%	33.0	42.8
Brandon Area Transmission Improvements	100%	0.6	12.3
Southwest Winnipeg 115kV Improvements	100%	34.6	40.2
Stanley Station 230/66kV Transformer	100%	14.5	16.7
Lake Winnipeg East System Improvements	95%	36.8	66.9
Total Load-related Expenditures		117.8	228.8

2 These projects are about a third of the major transmission projects in
3 MH’s analysis.

4 **Q: What is MH’s rationale for excluding these expenditures?**

5 A: The Company explained that “Manitoba Hydro does not include costs before
6 year 1 as it is assumed they cannot be avoided.” (GAC/MH II-19a)

7 **Q: Is the Company correct in excluding the pre-2016/17 expenditures from
8 the marginal cost analysis?**

9 A: No. The key to providing customers with efficient pricing signals is to ensure
10 that they face prices consistent with the long-term costs incurred due to load
11 growth. The standard approach for estimating marginal cost of T&D is to
12 estimate the investment required for a given amount of load growth,
13 preferably over a period long enough to be representative. That period can be
14 historical, projected, or a combination of both. It is not necessary to assume
15 that specific projects will be eliminated or accelerated due to changes in load
16 growth; the objective is to produce a reasonable estimate of the incremental
17 cost per kW of load growth over the long term. MH includes all the load
18 growth projected for 2015/16 to 2025/26, but only some of the costs
19 projected for that period, and therefore understates the marginal cost.

1 It is clear that Hydro does not believe in its own justification for
2 omitting the earlier-year costs of projects completed in its analysis periods.
3 MH’s analyses include costs expended in 2016/17, 2017/18 and in some
4 places 2015/16, that cannot be avoided or accelerated by load reductions or
5 increases that may occur in 2018/19 and beyond, in reaction to the rates
6 implemented in this proceeding. There is no reason to omit part of the cost of
7 projects that have or will meet the load growth in the analysis periods.

8 **Q: Did MH properly identify the portion of major transmission project**
9 **costs that are load-related?**

10 A: Not in all cases. Hydro treats some costs of load-related projects as non-load
11 related because the projects involve removal of older equipment or would
12 have other benefit. This is true even where the justification for the project is
13 entirely load-related. In addition, the project described as “Transmission Line
14 Upgrade for NERC Alert” appears to be dominated by load-related line sag,
15 yet MH includes only half the cost as load-related.

16 Hydro says that it cannot explain what portion of reliability-related
17 costs were excluded from load-related costs because “the data are no longer
18 available” (GAC/MH II-20g).⁶

19 **Q: Did you recalculate MH’s estimate of marginal transmission cost,**
20 **reflecting adjustments to the treatment of major projects?**

21 A: No. As I reviewed MH’s transmission analysis, I realized that Hydro had
22 made multiple offsetting errors. Important items—especially the NERC
23 alerts—cannot be reviewed, given MH’s failure to include these documents

⁶ Oddly, the justification documents have some of the data that MH says are no longer available.

1 as part of its filing or as part of the marginal-cost studies provided in the first
2 round of discovery.

3 **Q: How does Hydro model non-major or “Domestic” transmission in the**
4 **marginal-cost study?**

5 A: Hydro used the estimated cost of the transmission Domestic program in a
6 single year (2015/16), at \$37.6 million, and assumes constant expenditures
7 (in real terms) in the ten-year planning period, which may be a reasonable
8 assumption, but it is odd that MH does not plan the Domestic projects for
9 even a year in the future.

10 The problem in MH’s treatment of the Domestic budget is in its
11 decision that only projects classified as “Reliability: Load-Related” are load
12 related. This category amounts to only \$1.2 million or 3.3% of the total
13 (GAC/MH I-39 Attachment, p. 13). Of the remaining, MH categorizes 59%
14 as “Reliability: Outage-Related” and 30% as “Reliability: Import/Export-
15 Related.” Large portions of those categories are probably related to retail
16 load. In the major projects, for example, import/export related items typically
17 represent situations in which local retail loads constrain imports or exports;
18 Manitoba Hydro treats those major projects as load-related, and should do the
19 same for the Domestic projects driven by the same considerations.

20 **Q: Has the Company documented the determination of the portion of**
21 **domestic transmission expenditures that are load growth related?**

22 A: No. Hydro provides no detail on which projects were excluded, or why.

1 **Q: Given the multiple and sometimes offsetting errors in MH’s analysis of**
2 **marginal transmission costs, and the lack of data, how did you deal with**
3 **this cost category in your analysis?**

4 A: For the purposes of the present evidence, I have adopted Hydro’s estimate of
5 marginal transmission costs in \$/kW-year or cents/kWh at a 100% load
6 factor. I correct the load factor below.

7 2. *Marginal Distribution Costs*

8 **Q: How did MH estimate the marginal cost of distribution?**

9 A: As I described above, MH separately estimated the load-related portions of
10 the major projects from one capital plant and the smaller “domestic” projects
11 for a single year, averaged those percentages, and applied that percentage to
12 another capital plan costs.

13 **Q: How did MH estimate the load-related portions of the major projects**

14 A: Hydro estimated load-related fraction of the major projects on a project-
15 specific basis. Hydro asserted that it individually reviewed 100 projects
16 (GAC/MH I-39 Attachment, p. 45), but provided information on only 69
17 projects, of which two are “Planning Items” for Winnipeg-area projects and
18 distribution modernization (Coalition/MH I-174-Attachment 3).

19 **Q: What information did MH provide regarding that review?**

20 A: MH provided the projected capital investments for the 69 projects for
21 2015/16 through 2024/25, along with its assessment of the percentage of the
22 cost of each project that was load-related (GAC/MH-II-22d). Hydro also
23 provided justification documents for most, but not all, of the projects in
24 Coalition/MH-I-174, Attachment 3. As I noted above, Hydro ignored the

1 earlier expenditures on projects that were needed to meet load growth in the
2 analysis period.

3 **Q: Does MH properly designate the portion of each projects that is load-**
4 **related?**

5 A: No. The following examples indicate the nature of MH's errors:

- 6 • New St. Vital 115/24 kV substation, total cost \$52 million, treated as
7 0% load related in GAC/MH-II-22d. The final justification document
8 for this project reports that it is 60% for "Capacity Enhancement"
9 (which is certainly load-related) and 40% for "Operational
10 Enhancement" (COAL/MH-I-174, Attachment 3, p. 79). The language
11 of the actual justification document indicates that the driving concerns
12 are all related to current load exceeding the station's firm capacity:

13 The station's summer firm limit is 40MVA. Since the station's
14 summer peak load has been recorded at 46MVA, if a bank were to
15 fail under peak conditions, the remaining 6 MVA would need to be
16 transferred to other stations using feeder ties. The existing feeder
17 tie capacity that provides non-firm capacity to St. Vital Station
18 distribution is tenuous. The area load is increasing due to new
19 residential and commercial developments. In the summer of 2010,
20 this capability did not exist under peak conditions as the area
21 loading, was over the St. Vital Station non-firm limit....

22 Justification is based on addressing the equipment rating concerns
23 currently mitigated by station operating restrictions and customer-
24 driven demand for electricity in the area, as well as restoring
25 reliable station contingency plans.

- 26 • New McPhillips Station total cost \$47 million, treated as 0% load
27 related in GAC/MH-II-22d. The final justification document for this
28 project reports that it is 60% for "Capacity Enhancement," 30% for
29 "Operational Enhancement" and 10% for Employee Safety
30 (COAL/MH-I-174, Attachment 3, p. 108). Again, the actual justification

1 document indicates that the driving concerns related to current load
2 exceeding the station's firm capacity:

3 Peak summer loading at McPhillips Station is beyond firm
4 capacity and requires the station banks to be operated in parallel to
5 support voltage. The existing station equipment are underrated for
6 parallel bank operation. This creates an unsafe operating situation
7 causing concern or maintenance and operating staff. In the event of
8 bank failure, load transfer to St. James Station via feeder ties is
9 required to reduce station loading to firm capacity.

10 Although feeder tie capacity exists, some customers have
11 experienced low voltage under tied conditions. Station equipment
12 dates back to the late 40's and experiences oil leaks.

- 13 • Anola DSC RM of Springfield, total cost \$5 million, treated as 0% load
14 related in GAC/MH-II-22d. The final justification document for this
15 project reports that it is 100% required for reliability (COAL/MH-I-174,
16 Attachment 3, p. 483). The justification document explains that the
17 reliability problem arises from the loads on the Dugald and Oakbank
18 substations, which were already at twice their firm load, operating near
19 their maximum load with all equipment in service, and not backed up by
20 feeder ties from other stations.

21 [C]urrent capacity at Oakbank and Dugald station is not sufficient
22 to supply increasing load in the area due to new development.
23 Residential development in Oakbank and Dugald area is growing
24 and is expected to continue as developers construct new houses in
25 the area. Dugald station loading has grown at 3.7% in past ten
26 years. Oakbank Station growth has been more significant at 4.5%.
27 Both stations are winter peaking. The additional capacity will
28 provide area firm capacity and accommodate future load growth in
29 the Dugald, Oakbank and Anola communities.

30 In all three of these cases, and many more, MH has classified projects
31 that are driven by load as being 0% load-related and omitted them from the
32 marginal-cost study.

1 Hydro says that it excludes some costs identified as reliability-related
2 because:

- 3 • Load growth isn't expected to increase the likelihood of outages.
- 4 • Reliability project values that are not directly load related are
5 considered out of scope for the Distribution Marginal Cost Study.
6 (GAC/MH II-22f)

7 Since the reliability issues are often driven by load, MH's explanation is
8 incorrect.

9 **Q: Did MH properly account for the costs of the projects meeting the 2016–**
10 **2025 load growth that were expended prior to 2016?**

11 A: No. Hydro made the same mistake that it did with transmission, by ignoring
12 previous expenditures on projects needed to meet the load growth in the
13 analysis period.

14 **Q: How much did that decision affect MH's estimate of marginal**
15 **distribution cost?**

16 A: The full cost of the load-related major distribution projects was about 11.7%
17 higher than the cost that MH recognized.

18 **Q: Did MH explain how it estimated the portion of the Domestic projects**
19 **that were load-related?**

20 A: No. Hydro assumed that 50% of the cost of the Domestic projects was load-
21 related, without any analysis of the nature of those projects or their driving
22 factors. Hydro says both major and domestic project costs are not treated as
23 load-related if they are “driven by factors other than load growth such as
24 reliability or aging infrastructure.” (GAC/MH I-39 Attachment, p. 37) As we
25 can see in the major projects, costs classified as reliability or “aging
26 infrastructure” are often load-related.

1 **Q: Did MH properly divide the load-related distribution costs by growth in**
2 **distribution load to estimate the marginal investment per kilowatt?**

3 A: No. MH calculates marginal distribution cost per kW by dividing *distribution*
4 expenditures by *system* load growth. This calculation is appropriate for
5 transmission, which serves system load, but not for distribution. The load
6 growth attributed to distribution expenditures should not include the
7 transmission level load that is not served by the distribution system.

8 **Q: What is the effect of including transmission level load in computing the**
9 **marginal distribution costs?**

10 A: By overstating the load growth driving those distribution investments, MH
11 understates the cost of each kW of distribution load. About 17.5% of peak
12 load is from large industrial customers served at greater than 30 kV (i.e.,
13 transmission voltage) (Appendix 8.5). Hydro forecasts that a similar group,
14 called “Top Consumers” (comprising 23 or 24 customers, depending on
15 which page of Appendix 7.1 one trusts) will grow at 1.2% from 2015/16 to
16 2025/16, compared to 1.4% for total sales. Combining these figures suggests
17 that 15% of projected system load growth is due to the growth of customers
18 served at transmission level.

19 **C. *Estimate of Environmental Costs***

20 **Q: How did Manitoba Hydro treat environmental costs in its DSM**
21 **valuation?**

22 A: Hydro increases DSM benefits by 10% to reflect environmental, societal and
23 other non-energy benefits (GAC/MH I-20e). As Hydro explained in the 2010
24 GRA proceeding, the Company assumes that emissions costs are reflected in
25 the export prices on which its marginal cost estimates are based:

1 The avoided GHG and other emissions are implicitly valued in the deter-
2 mination of marginal cost because the forecast of export prices includes
3 consideration of potential environmental costs that may be associated with
4 electricity production in Manitoba Hydro's export markets. (2010 GRA,
5 RCM/TREE/MH II-4 (b)(vii))

6 **Q: Is it reasonable to assume that the sales prices for Hydro's non-firm**
7 **opportunity exports reflect the value of carbon emissions?**

8 A: No. The economy price estimates that Hydro derives from its SEP prices are
9 primarily for sales to US utilities, which do not currently face carbon
10 charges. The historical economy sales to Saskatchewan and Ontario also do
11 not include the Federal government's carbon pricing plan, which Hydro
12 describes in its fuel-switching analysis for PUB/MH I-129.

13 **Q: How did Manitoba Hydro treat environmental costs in its fuel-switching**
14 **analysis?**

15 A: In its original analysis, Manitoba Hydro ignored environmental costs. In
16 response to PUB/MH I-129, Manitoba Hydro ran comparisons that included
17 environmental costs for gas combustion in Manitoba, but not for the
18 additional greenhouse emissions in neighbouring regions due to reduced
19 exports.

20 The cost comparisons that include carbon pricing are based on the
21 Government of Canada's \$10 per tonne of CO₂e in 2018 which
22 increases by \$10 per tonne annually to \$50 per tonne in 2022. (PUB/MH
23 I-129, p. 2)

24 **Q: What generation sources do Hydro exports to MISO displace?**

25 A: The major sources of marginal energy in MISO are coal (at about 900 kg
26 CO₂e/MWh), combined-cycle gas (at about 350 kg/MWh) and gas-fired
27 combustion turbines (about 500 kg/MWh).

28 In recent years, the combined-cycle and coal plants in northern MISO
29 (MN, WI, ND, IA) have operated at a similar range of capacity factors, with

1 most gas plants in the 20%–60% range and most coal plants in the 10%–80%
2 range. Consequently both gas and coal would be at the margin at times. This
3 conclusion is supported by a recent study that found that in MISO coal
4 operated at the margin about 90% of the time and gas about 75% of the time.⁷
5 It is not clear how the mix of marginal resources would vary by season
6 (although gas prices tend to be higher in the winter) and gas may be more of
7 the marginal mix in peak periods. Since some of the gas plants would operate
8 to provide local support in load pockets, Hydro’s exports may back down a
9 rural coal plant even when an urban combined-cycle plant is operating. Over
10 time, rising gas prices will tend to reduce the share of marginal energy that
11 comes from the gas plants, while retirement of coal plants will tend to
12 increase the marginal gas percentage. Overall, an estimate of 750-kg of CO₂
13 per MWh is reasonable for baseload sales.

14 **Q: You have discussed the avoided emissions from existing MISO**
15 **generation. Would the avoided emissions be similar if Hydro’s export**
16 **contracts avoid new generation?**

17 A: The avoided emissions would be similar, but a little lower. New generation in
18 Minnesota or Wisconsin would be primarily gas combined-cycle or
19 combustion turbine. Those new units would operate similarly to the existing
20 ones, and the mix of energy avoided by the contracts would be similar. For
21 example, suppose that a Minnesota utility purchases 300 MW at a 70%
22 capacity factor from Manitoba Hydro and defers a 300-MW combined-cycle

⁷ Marginal Emission Factors Considering Renewables: A Case Study of the U.S. Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) System; Mo Li, Timothy M. Smith, Yi Yang, and Elizabeth J. Wilson; *Environ. Sci. Technol.*, 2017, 51 (19), pp. 11215–11223. The sum of these two percentages exceeds 1.0 because the marginal resource varies by area within MISO.

1 plant that would otherwise have operated at a 50% capacity factor. The 1,850
2 GWh of annual hydro energy would result in the combined-cycle not being
3 built or run, reducing generation from that unit by about 1,300 GWh. In the
4 20% of the year in which Hydro provides 550 GWh (and the combined-cycle
5 would not have run), the marginal resource would be primarily coal. Thus,
6 the avoided energy mix would be about 70% gas ($1,300 \div 1,850$) and 30%
7 coal, for an avoided emission rate of about 510 kg of CO₂ per MWh.

8 The mix avoided would vary with the future system mix in MISO, and
9 the relative prices of gas and coal. The effect of Hydro exports avoiding a
10 new gas-fired plant would be essentially the same, whether the gas-fired
11 plant is being added to meet load growth or to replace retiring coal capacity.

12 **Q: Would the emission effects be similar if the contract facilitates the retire-**
13 **ment of an existing coal unit?**

14 A: No. In that case, the avoided output would be essentially all coal, and the
15 avoided emissions would be on the order of 900 kg of CO₂ per MWh.

16 **Q: How would these calculations differ if the power were sold to**
17 **Saskatchewan, rather than to a US MISO utility?**

18 A: The results for Saskatchewan would be similar. SaskPower's energy supply
19 in 2016 was 40% coal (not counting the 4% of energy from Boundary Dam
20 Unit #3, which has carbon capture for most of its emissions) and 36% gas.

21 **Q: What environmental costs per MWh do these avoided emission rates**
22 **imply?**

23 A: The marginal avoided emissions are on the order of 500 to 900 kg per MWh.
24 Multiplying those values by the \$/tonne Federal carbon prices results in a
25 marginal carbon cost of \$5 to \$9/MWh in 2018, rising to \$25 to \$45/MWh in
26 2022. Levelized over 10 years, starting in 2018 or 2019 those carbon prices

1 would be \$19/MWh to \$39/MWh. I will use a value of \$29/MWh in
2 computing marginal costs.

3 **D. Estimate of Marginal Cost by Rate Class**

4 **Q: What are your best estimates of marginal costs by rate class?**

5 A: I used the following marginal costs:

- 6 • Hydro's estimate of marginal generation costs of 6.2 cents per kWh at the
7 generation level, plus losses
- 8 • a marginal transmission cost of \$42.33/kW-year, plus losses,
- 9 • a marginal distribution cost of \$69.80/kW-year, plus losses,
- 10 • a 2.9 cents per kWh adder to reflect environmental costs, plus losses
- 11 • loss factors of 10% for transmission level customers and 14% for distribution
12 level customers,
- 13 • class load factors from the PCOSS18.

14 The results of these computations are set forth in Table 3.

15 **Table 3: Marginal Cost (in cents per kWh) by Rate Schedule**

Rate Schedule	G	T	D	Ext	Total
<i>Residential</i>	6.34	1.10	1.92	3.31	12.66
<i>GS Small, ND</i>	6.34	0.90	1.57	3.31	12.11
<i>GS Small, D</i>	6.34	0.84	1.48	3.31	11.96
<i>GS Medium</i>	6.34	0.77	1.34	3.31	11.75
<i>GS Large (< 30Kv)</i>	6.34	0.70	1.22	3.31	11.56
<i>GS Large (30–100Kv)</i>	6.10	0.59		3.19	9.89
<i>GS Large (> 100kv)</i>	6.10	0.59		3.19	9.89

16 Since MH also estimates the marginal generation cost per kWh for a
17 constant load over all hours, rather than for a typical retail load shape, the
18 marginal generation costs provided in Table 3 are understated for rate-design
19 purposes.

1 **Q: What is the significance of these results for rate design?**

2 A: Hydro's marginal costs exceed proposed energy rates for all classes, even
3 without correcting generation marginal costs for load shape, as summarized
4 in Table 4.

5 **Table 4: Comparison of Energy Rates to Hydro's Estimates of Marginal Costs**

	Tail-Block Charges (cents per kWh)		Marginal Cost
	2017/18	2018/19	
<i>Residential</i>	8.556	9.232	12.7
<i>GS Small, Non-Demand</i>	4.117	4.442	12.1
<i>GS Small, Demand</i>	4.117	4.442	12.0
<i>GS Medium</i>	4.117	4.442	11.8
<i>GS Large, Greater Than 30 kV</i>	3.873	4.179	11.6
<i>GS Large, 30–100 kV</i>	3.600	3.884	9.9
<i>GS Large, Less Than 100 kV</i>	3.488	3.764	9.9

6 Thus, inclining-block rates and reduced demand and customer charges
7 are needed to provide customers with appropriate marginal price signals.

8 **V. Changes to Rate Structure**

9 **Q: What rate design does Hydro propose?**

10 A: MH proposes equal percentage changes to all charges within rates for all
11 rates.

12 **Q: What rate-design changes do you address in this section of your
13 testimony?**

14 A: It appears that Manitoba Hydro will be requesting large rate increases to
15 reflect spending on Bipole 3, Keeyask and other projects. These rate
16 increases will be a burden to residential low-income customers and electric
17 space heating customers. I propose discounted rates for both of those groups.

1 In addition, I propose an inclining-block rate to encourage residential
2 energy conservation.

3 Because of data limitations, my proposed rates are only estimates.
4 Manitoba Hydro can replace my estimates with updated billing determinants
5 in its compliance filing.

6 **A. *Affordable Rates for Low-Income Customers***

7 **Q: What is the purpose of your proposal regarding low-income customer?**

8 A: My intention is to develop a rate design for low-income customers that
9 reduces their bills, while maintaining incentives for energy conservation.
10 Specifically, I designed a rate based on estimates of the energy consumption
11 of customers with incomes below 125% of the Statistics Canada's Low
12 Income Cut-Off (LICO-125).

13 I relied on MH's 2014 Residential Energy Use Survey for the number of
14 LICO-125 customers and their average annual usage.⁸ That survey estimates
15 that Manitoba Hydro has 142,124 LICO-125 customers, with an average
16 annual usage of 14,484 kWh, compared to 16,422 kWh for non-LICO-125
17 customers.

18 **Q: What discount rate structure do you propose for all LICO-125**
19 **customers?**

20 A: Hydro could implement a rate for all LICO-125 customers that eliminates the
21 customer charge and reduces the proposed energy charge by 4¢/kWh for the
22 first 500 kWh/month, leaving the tail-block charge at the Company's
23 proposed 8.556 ¢/kWh. I selected the 500 kWh first block because MH's bill

⁸ I used the same source for the number and usage of heating and non-heating customers.

1 frequency analyses indicate that about 94% of residential usage was in bills
2 over 500 kWh, so that most of that usage block is inframarginal. Even though
3 the low-income customers would receive a discount on their bills, most of
4 their energy decisions (to use more or less energy) would result in the
5 customer facing the full retail energy rate.

6 Under this rate, LICO-125 customers using 500 kWh or more each
7 month would save \$341 annually; a customer using 250 kWh each month
8 would save \$221 per year. The average customer using less than 500 kWh
9 uses 282 kWh; that average smaller customer would save about \$237
10 annually. Assuming that the mix of LICO-125 bills above and below 500
11 kWh is the same as that for all residential bills (27% under 500 kWh, at an
12 average of 282 kWh, and 73% over 500 kWh), the average benefit for low-
13 income customers would be about \$313 annually.

14 **Q: Are the 4¢/kWh discount and the 500 kWh uniquely suitable for**
15 **Manitoba Hydro low-income customers?**

16 A: No. The magnitude of the discounts (in both the ¢/kWh discount and the
17 number of kWh discounted) is a matter of judgment. The Board can scale my
18 proposals up or down as desired.

19 **Q: How would this rate design affect other customers?**

20 A: Manitoba Hydro would lose about \$44.5 million in revenues from my
21 proposed LICO-125 discount. If that lost revenue were distributed over the
22 non-LICO residential customers, the increase in the energy rate would be
23 about 0.8¢/kWh.

24 Since the LICO discount is a social program, similar to low-income
25 assistance supported by tax revenues, it seems more equitable to recover the

1 discounts from all non-LICO customers. Spread out over all non-LICO sales,
2 the revenue increase from this LICO discount would be 0.22¢/kWh.

3 **Q: What position has MH taken on the implementation of discount rates for**
4 **LICO customers?**

5 A: Manitoba Hydro has expressed concern that rate discounts will expose the
6 Company to excessive revenue risk, due to uncertainty regarding the number
7 of customers eligible for a LICO-125 discount:

8 ...any attempts to set rates based upon estimates of LICO-125
9 participants and their respective level of energy usage would present an
10 unacceptably high risk of revenue forecast error. (Appendix 9.14, pp.
11 17–18).

12 Hydro seems to be concerned that it will set rates assuming a particular
13 mix of LICO and non-LICO sales, and that additional customers will sign up
14 for the LICO-125 rate, resulting in the Company bringing in less revenue
15 than planned.

16 **Q: Do you agree that MH would necessarily be taking on excessive risk**
17 **from a LICO-125 rate?**

18 A: No. Hydro has many options for mitigating its revenue risk. First, MH files a
19 rate request every two years, and can update billing determinants and revenue
20 projections during the rate-setting process, so the mix of residential revenues
21 are not likely to get very far out of sync with ratesetting.

22 Second, the revenue risk posed by an unexpectedly high enrollment in
23 the low-income rate is probably much lower than the risk the Company faces
24 from the normal sales variation from weather, the behaviour of large
25 customers, and other factors.

26 Third, Hydro's ratemaking is not so much driven by rate-of-return (as it
27 is with investor owned utilities), but by targets for retained earnings and

1 debt/equity ratio. So a small under/over collection in 2018/19 will be
2 recaptured in the rate case for 2019/20 and 2020/21.

3 Fourth, the Board could allow MH to implement some sort of formal
4 revenue reconciliation, as many utilities in the United States do. This
5 adjustment may be redundant with the setting of rates to achieve cumulative
6 financial targets.

7 Fifth, if absolutely necessary, MH could propose and the Board could
8 approve a limit on the number of eligible customers allowed onto the LICO-
9 125 discount in each year. The allowance for the number of customers on the
10 LICO-125 rate can be reset in each rate case.

11 **Q: Does your proposal for a LICO-125 rate perfectly address the burden of**
12 **rising electric rates on low-income customers?**

13 A: No. It would be preferable to develop a rate structure and administrative
14 structure to reflect the differences among low-income customers, in terms of
15 income and energy use. Below, I discuss a rate design to reflect, at least
16 approximately, the additional cost of space heating for low-income
17 customers. Adding a climate-related adjustment to the space-heating
18 allowance would be desirable, but would apparently require legislation.

19 Rather than applying a fixed discount allowance to each low-income
20 customer, it would be preferable to vary the discounts to reflect the
21 customer's income level, perhaps measured as a percentage of the Low
22 Income Cut-Off for the household size.

23 I do not have enough data to develop such a rate. If the Board is
24 concerned about energy affordability, even with my proposed LICO-125 rate,
25 it should convene a stakeholder process, under the aegis of a Board-

1 appointed facilitator, to move forward with a more sophisticated low-income
2 rate.

3 ***B. Affordable Rates for Heating Customers***

4 **Q: Why is it appropriate for the Board to consider discount programs for**
5 **residential customers with space-heating?**

6 A: Even for customers with moderate income, electric space heating may create
7 a significant financial burden. That concern has been raised as a reason not to
8 implement conservation rates, since large customers are often space-heating
9 customers. While most space-heating customers certainly have opportunities
10 to increase efficiency and reduce use—and Manitoba Hydro should prioritize
11 those large customers for comprehensive retrofits in the PowerSmart
12 program— many space-heating customers have limited options for switching
13 fuels and may face considerable barriers to massively reducing their space-
14 heating use, even with financial support from PowerSmart.

15 **Q: Have you designed a discounted rate for space-heating customers, using**
16 **the LICO rate structure?**

17 A: I examined the distribution of residential electric use among seasons, using
18 the time-of-use data provided in MH’s cost-of-service study. Specifically, I
19 compared usage in other seasons to usage in the summer (with no space-
20 heating load). I assumed that the annual heating use of an all-electric
21 customer is 14,500 kWh, based on the difference between the average
22 heating and average non-heating customer in the Residential Survey. As
23 summarized in Table 5, I distributed that difference over the non-summer
24 months using the cost-of-service study data, and proposed a discounted
25 heating block of 100 kWh/month in the spring months of April and May, 250

1 kWh/month in the fall months of October and November, and 500
2 kWh/month in the four winter months.

3 **Table 5: Seasonal Usage Pattern, Monthly kWh Over Summer Usage**

	Months in Season	Monthly Excess Typical Heating Customer	Discounted kWh
Spring	2	450	100
Fall	2	1,200	250
Winter	4	2,800	500
Annual		14,500	2,700

4 My objective was to offset the cost of heating, without reducing
5 incentives to conserve, by targeting the reductions to usage blocks that will
6 not be the customer's marginal usage.

7 **Q: How large a discount do you propose for the heating customers?**

8 A: I suggest the 4¢/kWh discount that I proposed for low-income usage. The
9 difference in the rates would be that the heating discount would vary by
10 season. Each space-heating customer would receive a discount of 4¢/kWh on
11 2,700 kWh, or \$108 annually. For the 180,402 heating customers identified in
12 the Residential Survey, this would amount to \$19.5 million.

13 **Q: Does it matter that billing cycles do not align perfectly with the seasons?**

14 A: Not much. As I understand it, the Company prorates old and new rates in
15 billing cycles that overlap the date of a rate change. It is likely that Manitoba
16 Hydro's billing system can do the same for the seasonal changes in
17 discounted rates. But even if the billing system cannot deal with that
18 proration, the seasonal transition is not a fundamental problem.

19 The annual discount will be the same, even if (for example) the fall
20 discount is applied to some usage that actually occurred in the summer or
21 winter. The date at which billings would be subject to the seasonal rate
22 should be selected to maximize the portion of the billing periods for which

1 the usage is in the ratemaking season. For example, with monthly billing, the
2 seasonal rates would take effect on October 15, December 15, and April 15.
3 With bimonthly billing, the effective billing dates might be November 1,
4 January 1 and May 1.

5 **Q: How would your proposals apply for LICO-125 customers with space**
6 **heat?**

7 A: I would simply add together the discounted energy allowances, so a LICO-
8 125 heating customer would get 500 kWh discounted in the summer, 600 in
9 the spring, 750 kWh in the fall, and 1,000 kWh in the winter.

10 **Q: How would this rate design affect other customers?**

11 A: Manitoba Hydro would lose about \$44.5 million in revenues from my
12 proposed heating discount. If that lost revenue were distributed over all non-
13 LICO customers in all classes, the increase in the energy rate would be about
14 0.12¢/kWh.

15 **C. *Inclining Block Rates for Residential Customers***

16 **Q: Since you have found that the marginal costs of serving residential load**
17 **is greater than Manitoba Hydro's proposed residential energy rates,**
18 **what rate design do you propose for the residential class?**

19 A: Yes. I have developed an inclining-block rate for general residential
20 customers, consistent with the goal of providing efficient pricing signals to
21 customers.

22 **Q: If MH implemented inclining block rates for all residential customers,**
23 **what would be the bill impacts?**

24 A: As a very modest step, I developed an inclining block rate structure for non-
25 LICO customers where all of the requested increase is recovered in the tail

1 block energy charge with no increase to the 2016/17 customer charge and
 2 energy charge for the first 500 kWh at current levels, \$7.82/month and
 3 7.93¢/kWh. The residential survey reports that there are the 324,274 non-
 4 LICO customers, using an average of 16,422 kWh annually. The lower
 5 customer charge would reduce revenues by about \$2.4 million (compared to
 6 a rate of \$8.44/month) and the lower energy charge for the first 500 kWh
 7 would reduce rates by \$10.7 million (compared to the proposed rate of
 8 8.556¢/kWh), for a total of about \$13.4 million. Recovering those revenues
 9 from the remaining non-LICO residential energy above 500 kWh/month
 10 would require that the tail-block rate be set at 0.365¢ higher than proposed
 11 rate, or 8.921¢/kWh.

12 Table 6 summarizes my rate proposals, based on the proposed August 1,
 13 2017 permanent rates. The recovery rates (the increased energy rate for other
 14 customers) are shown for the LICO-125 rate and the non-LICO space-heating
 15 rate. The cost of the LICO-125 space-heating rate is included in the other two
 16 discount proposals.

17 **Table 6: Summary of Rate Proposals**

	MH proposed	LICO-125 All	Non-LICO ESH	LICO-125 ESH	Non-LICO Residential
Basic Charge	\$8.44	\$0	\$8.44	\$0	\$7.82
First Block	8.556¢	4.556¢	4.556¢	4.556¢	7.93¢
Remainder	8.556¢	8.556¢	8.556¢	8.556¢	8.909¢
First Block kWh					
Summer	—	500	—	500	500
Spring	—	500	150	650	500
Fall	—	500	250	750	500
Winter	—	500	500	1,000	500
Recovery rate		0.22¢	0.12¢		

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1 **Q: What additional measures can be taken to mitigate residential rate**
2 **impacts?**

3 A: To the extent possible, Manitoba Hydro should attempt to mitigate bill effects
4 on heating customers through efficiency, rather than discounts. Specifically,
5 Hydro should develop a PowerSmart program to ensure that new electrically-
6 heated homes are super-insulated and use the most efficient applicable heat
7 pumps, dramatically reducing heating costs. Eligibility for the discounted
8 heating tariff by new customers should be conditioned on participation in the
9 superinsulation program. In addition, Hydro could also use an aggressively
10 marketed high-incentive PowerSmart program to retrofit superinsulation,
11 envelope sealing and heat pumps for the existing heating customers, allowing
12 the heating rate to be phased out.

13 **D. Demand Charges**

14 **Q: How should the Board instruct Manitoba Hydro to design rates for the**
15 **classes with demand charges?**

16 A: The Board should require that Manitoba Hydro reduce the demand charges
17 over time and increase energy charges.

18 **Q: Why is it appropriate to shift demand revenues to energy?**

19 A: There are two such reasons. First, the energy charges of demand-metered
20 customers are significantly below marginal cost. These customers are not
21 being given useful incentives to conserve energy. Second, demand charges do
22 not provide appropriate incentives to conserve, even during high load hours.

1 **Q: Please explain why demand charges do not provide the appropriate**
2 **incentives.**

3 A: Demand charges are a particularly ineffective means for giving price signals,
4 for the following reasons:

- 5 • The demand-charge portion of the electric bill is determined by the
6 customer's individual maximum demand. Capacity costs are driven by
7 coincident loads at the times of the peak loads on the system or various
8 types of T&D equipment, not by the non-coincident maximum demands
9 of individual customers. The customer's individual peak hour is not
10 likely to coincide with the peak hours of the other customers sharing a
11 piece of equipment, especially since the peaks on the secondary system,
12 line transformer, primary tap, feeder, substations, sub-transmission
13 lines, and transmission lines occur at varying times. In fact, Hydro
14 acknowledges that T&D capacity is driven by diversified demand, not
15 the sum of individual customer maximum demands (GAC/MH II-14).
- 16 • Demand charges provide little or no incentive to control or shift load
17 from those times which are off the customers' peak hours but which are
18 very much on the generation and T&D peak hours. Customers can avoid
19 demand charges merely by redistributing load within the peak period.
20 Some of those customers will be shifting loads from their own peak to
21 the peak hour on the local distribution system, on the transmission peak,
22 or on the peak load hour of Manitoba Hydro, thereby causing customers
23 to increase their contribution to maximum or critical loads on the local
24 distribution system, the transmission system, or the regional generation
25 system.

- 1 • Demand charges are difficult to avoid; even a single failure to control
2 load results in the same demand charge as if the same demand had been
3 reached in every day or every hour.
- 4 • Rather than promoting conservation at high-cost times, or shifting of
5 load from system peak periods, demand charges encourage customers to
6 waste resources on the arbitrary tasks of flattening their personal
7 maximum loads, even if those occur at low-cost times. For instance, in
8 order to respond to demand charges effectively, customers will need to
9 install equipment to monitor loads, interrupt discretionary load, and
10 schedule deferrable loads. Moreover, lower energy charges will
11 encourage increased electric use, some of which will likely fall in the
12 peak period.

13 **Q: What pricing signals do demand charges give to customers?**

14 A: Not only are demand charges ineffective in shifting loads off high-cost hours,
15 they may cause some customers to shift loads in ways that increase costs.
16 Demand charges also distract customer efforts from reducing energy use to
17 shifting around demand, perhaps onto peak hours.

18 **Q: Should demand charges be eliminated entirely from rates?**

19 A: Yes, or nearly so. When time-of-use energy charges are introduced, demand
20 charges should be eliminated, and the revenues currently collected through
21 demand charges instead collected through peak-period energy charges. In
22 other words, all system and regional transmission, substation and feeder costs
23 would be recovered through on-peak energy charges. This time-of-use rate
24 design will encourage reduction of usage in high-load periods, when
25 transmission and distribution equipment is heavily loaded.

1 **Q: Is it feasible to design a TOU rate that signals the highest cost hours?**

2 A: Yes. A three-period (peak, shoulder, and off-peak), seasonally differentiated
3 rate, with a narrow “critical peak” period, for example, would provide a
4 useful price signal.

5 **Q: Has Manitoba Hydro acknowledged that TOU rates could effectively
6 replace demand charges?**

7 A: Yes.

8 Manitoba Hydro recognizes that in the design of a Time-of-Use rate
9 structure, for example, it may be reasonable to recover some portion of
10 demand-related cost in a peak period energy charge. However, the extent
11 to which that is appropriate depends upon the seasonality of the peak
12 period and the extent to which other rate design factors require
13 consideration. (GAC-MH I-14)

14 It is time to actually consider the rate-design factors and implement
15 time-of-use rates.

16 ***E. Demand Ratchets***

17 **Q: What are demand ratchets?**

18 A: Ratchets are rate provisions that charge demand-metered customers based on
19 their maximum demand in current and previous months, not just on the
20 maximum demand established in the month of the bill.

21 **Q: How does Manitoba Hydro use demand ratchets in its rates?**

22 A: Under this ratchet, the customer’s monthly billing demand is the greatest of:

- 23 • The customer’s maximum demand in that month;
24 • 25% of contract demand;
25 • 25% of the highest measured demand in the previous 12 months.

26 **Q: Should demand ratchets be eliminated?**

27 A: Yes. I recommend that ratchets be eliminated, for the following reasons:

- 1 • Ratchets worsen the adverse effects of demand charges. In the months
2 when the customer's demand is below 25% of the annual maximum,
3 demand charges are fixed and therefore, will provide no incentive to
4 conserve at any time during the month.
- 5 • They excessively penalize the customer for a kWh increase in maximum
6 annual billing demand. For example, consider a Medium General
7 Service customer that experiences a much higher billing demand in
8 December than in any other month. For each additional kVA (roughly a
9 kWh) in that one December hour, this customer will pay December's
10 demand charge of \$10.54/kVA plus 25% of that demand charge for each
11 of the next 11 months, or a total increase in annual payments of \$39.50.
12 This charge is nearly 1,000 times the tail block charge of 4.117¢/kWh
13 charged in all other December hours.
- 14 • Ratchets provide confusing and misleading signals to customers,
15 • Ratchets reduce customers' control over their bills, and
16 • Ratchets result in disruptive bill impacts, especially for a customer who
17 unintentionally establishes a new maximum demand.
- 18 Ratchets may serve a utility's desire for revenue stability, but they are
19 antithetical to the goal of conservation, cost-based rate design, reduction of
20 system and environmental costs, and non-disruptive impacts on customer
21 bills.

1 **VI. Cost-of-Service Study**

2 **Q: The Board directed Hydro to make several changes to its PCOSS18**
3 **methodology. Do you have any comments on Hydro's response?**

4 A: I have not identified any problems with the Company's revisions to its cost-
5 of-service study methodology to reflect the Board's Order 164-16. However,
6 there are several pending issues not addressed in PCOSS18 that require data
7 collection and further analysis. Order 164/16 gives the Company the
8 responsibility of pursuing these issues but does not establish a time frame for
9 that effort. I recommend that the Board direct the Company to develop data
10 necessary to address deficiencies in the COSS methodology, including:

- 11 • Failure to reflect the load diversity among classes on distribution
12 substations.
- 13 • A lack of data to support the sub-classification of distribution line and
14 pole costs between primary and secondary service.
- 15 • The need for improving the service-drop allocator to reflect the sharing of
16 service drops.

17 Q: Does this conclude your evidence?

18 A: Yes.

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Austin City Council, Austin Energy Rates, March to June 2012.

Puerto Rico Energy Commission, Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, rate design issues, September 2015 to present.

EXPERT TESTIMONY

1. **Mass. EFSC 78-12/MDPU 19494**, Phase I; Boston Edison 1978 forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General. June 1978.

Appliance penetration projections, price elasticity, econometric commercial forecast, peak demand forecast. Joint testimony with Susan C. Geller.

2. **Mass. EFSC 78-17**, Northeast Utilities 1978 forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General. September 1978.

Specification of economic/demographic and industrial models, appliance efficiency, commercial model structure and estimation.

- 3. Mass. EFSC 78-33**, Eastern Utilities Associates 1978 forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General. November 1978.

Household size, appliance efficiency, appliance penetration, price elasticity, commercial forecast, industrial trending, peak demand forecast.

- 4. Mass. DPU 19494, Phase II**; Boston Edison Company construction program; Massachusetts Attorney General. April 1979.

Review of numerous aspects of the 1978 demand forecasts of nine New England electric utilities, constituting 92% of projected regional demand growth, and of the NEPOOL demand forecast. Joint testimony with Susan Geller.

- 5. Mass. DPU 19494, Phase II**; Boston Edison Company construction program; Massachusetts Attorney General. April 1979.

Reliability, capacity planning, capability responsibility allocation, customer generation, co-generation rates, reserve margins, operating reserve allocation. Joint testimony with S. Finger.

- 6. U.S. ASLB NRC 50-471**, Pilgrim Unit 2; Commonwealth of Massachusetts. June 1979.

Review of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and NEPOOL demand forecast models; cost-effectiveness of oil displacement; nuclear economics. Joint testimony with Susan Geller.

- 7. Mass. DPU 19845**, Boston Edison time-of-use-rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. December 1979.

Critique of utility marginal cost study and proposed rates; principles of marginal cost principles, cost derivation, and rate design; options for reconciling costs and revenues. Joint testimony with Susan Geller.

- 8. Mass. DPU 20055**, petition of Eastern Utilities Associates, New Bedford G. & E., and Fitchburg G. & E. to purchase additional shares of Seabrook Nuclear Plant; Massachusetts Attorney General. January 1980.

Review of demand forecasts of three utilities purchasing Seabrook shares; Seabrook power costs, including construction cost, completion date, capacity factor, O&M expenses, interim replacements, reserves and uncertainties; alternative energy sources, including conservation, cogeneration, rate reform, solar, wood and coal conversion.

- 9. Mass. DPU 20248**, petition of Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company to purchase additional share of Seabrook Nuclear Plant; Massachusetts Attorney General. June 1980.

Nuclear power costs; update and extension of MDPU 20055 testimony.

- 10. Mass. DPU 200**, Massachusetts Electric Company rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. June 1980.

Rate design; declining blocks, promotional rates, alternative energy, demand charges, demand ratchets; conservation: master metering, storage heating, efficiency standards, restricting resistance heating.

- 11. Mass. EFSC 79-33**, Eastern Utilities Associates 1979 forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General. July 1980.

Customer projections, consistency issues, appliance efficiency, new appliance types, commercial specifications, industrial data manipulation and trending, sales and resale.

- 12. Mass. DPU 243**, Eastern Edison Company rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. August 1980.

Rate design: declining blocks, promotional rates, alternative energy, master metering.

- 13. Texas PUC 3298**, Gulf States Utilities rates; East Texas Legal Services. August 1980.

Inter-class revenue allocations, including production plant in-service, O&M, CWIP, nuclear fuel in progress, amortization of canceled plant residential rate design; interruptible rates; off-peak rates. Joint testimony with M. B. Meyer.

- 14. Mass. EFSC 79-1**, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company Forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General. November 1980.

Cost comparison methodology; nuclear cost estimates; cost of conservation, cogeneration, and solar.

- 15. Mass. DPU 472**, recovery of residential conservation-service expenses; Massachusetts Attorney General. December 1980.

Conservation as an energy source; advantages of per-kWh allocation over per-customer-month allocation.

- 16. Mass. DPU 535**; regulations to carry out Section 210 of PURPA; Massachusetts Attorney General. January 1981 and February 1981.

Filing requirements, certification, qualifying-facility status, extent of coverage, review of contracts; energy rates; capacity rates; extra benefits of qualifying facilities in specific areas; wheeling; standardization of fees and charges.

- 17. Mass. EFSC 80-17**, Northeast Utilities 1980 forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General. March 1981.

Specification process, employment, electric heating promotion and penetration, commercial sales model, industrial model specification, documentation of price forecasts and wholesale forecast.

- 18. Mass. DPU 558**, Western Massachusetts Electric Company rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. May 1981.

Rate design including declining blocks, marginal cost conservation impacts, and promotional rates. Conservation, including terms and conditions limiting renewable, cogeneration, small power production; scope of current conservation program; efficient insulation levels; additional conservation opportunities.

- 19. Mass. DPU 1048**, Boston Edison plant performance standards; Massachusetts Attorney General. May 1982.

Critique of company approach, data, and statistical analysis; description of comparative and absolute approaches to standard-setting; proposals for standards and reporting requirements.

- 20. DC PSC FC785**, Potomac Electric Power rate case; DC Peoples Counsel. July 1982.

Inter-class revenue allocations, including generation, transmission, and distribution plant classification; fuel and O&M classification; distribution and service allocators. Marginal cost estimation, including losses.

- 21. N.H. PSC DE 81-312**, Public Service of New Hampshire supply and demand; Conservation Law Foundation et al. October 1982.

Conservation program design, ratemaking, and effectiveness. Cost of power from Seabrook nuclear plant, including construction cost and duration, capacity factor, O&M, replacements, insurance, and decommissioning.

- 22. Mass. Division of Insurance**, hearing to fix and establish 1983 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General. October 1982.

Profit margin calculations, including methodology, interest rates, surplus flow, tax flows, tax rates, and risk premium.

- 23. Ill. CC 82-0026**, Commonwealth Edison rate case; Illinois Attorney General. October 1982.

Review of Cost-Benefit Analysis for nuclear plant. Nuclear cost parameters (construction cost, O&M, capital additions, useful life, capacity factor), risks, discount rates, evaluation techniques.

- 24. N.M. PSC 1794**, Public Service of New Mexico application for certification; New Mexico Attorney General. May 1983.

Review of Cost-Benefit Analysis for transmission line. Review of electricity price forecast, nuclear capacity factors, load forecast. Critique of company ratemaking proposals; development of alternative ratemaking proposal.

- 25. Conn. DPUC 830301**, United Illuminating rate case; Connecticut Consumers Counsel. June 17 1983.

Cost of Seabrook nuclear power plants, including construction cost and duration, capacity factor, O&M, capital additions, insurance and decommissioning.

- 26. Mass. DPU 1509**, Boston Edison plant performance standards; Massachusetts Attorney General. July 15 1983.

Critique of company approach and statistical analysis; regression model of nuclear capacity factor; proposals for standards and for standard-setting methodologies.

- 27. Mass. Division of Insurance**, hearing to fix and establish 1984 automobile-insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General. October 1983.

Profit margin calculations, including methodology, interest rates.

- 28. Conn. DPUC 83-07-15**, Connecticut Light and Power rate case; Alloy Foundry. October 3 1983.

Industrial rate design. Marginal and embedded costs; classification of generation, transmission, and distribution expenses; demand versus energy charges.

- 29. Mass. EFSC 83-24**, New England Electric System forecast of electric resources and requirements; Massachusetts Attorney General. November 14 1983, Rebuttal, February 2 1984.

Need for transmission line. Status of supply plan, especially Seabrook 2. Review of interconnection requirements. Analysis of cost-effectiveness for power transfer, line losses, generation assumptions.

- 30. Mich. PSC U-7775**, Detroit Edison Fuel Cost Recovery Plan; Public Interest Research Group in Michigan. February 21 1984.

Review of proposed performance target for new nuclear power plant. Formulation of alternative proposals.

- 31. Mass. DPU 84-25**, Western Massachusetts Electric Company rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. April 6 1984.

Need for Millstone 3. Cost of completing and operating unit, cost-effectiveness compared to alternatives, and its effect on rates. Equity and incentive problems created by CWIP. Design of Millstone 3 phase-in proposals to protect ratepayers: limitation of base-rate treatment to fuel savings benefit of unit.

- 32. Mass. DPU 84-49 and 84-50, Fitchburg Gas & Electric financing case; Massachusetts Attorney General. April 13 1984.**

Cost of completing and operating Seabrook nuclear units. Probability of completing Seabrook 2. Recommendations regarding FG&E and MDPU actions with respect to Seabrook.

- 33. Mich. PSC U-7785, Consumers Power fuel-cost-recovery plan; Public Interest Research Group in Michigan. April 16 1984.**

Review of proposed performance targets for two existing and two new nuclear power plants. Formulation of alternative policy.

- 34. FERC ER81-749-000 and ER82-325-000, Montaup Electric rate cases; Massachusetts Attorney General. April 27 1984.**

Prudence of Montaup and Boston Edison in decisions regarding Pilgrim 2 construction: Montaup's decision to participate, the Utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, Montaup's failure to question Edison's decisions, and the utilities' delay in canceling the unit.

- 35. Maine PUC 84-113, Seabrook-1 investigation; Maine Public Advocate. September 13 1984.**

Cost of completing and operating Seabrook Unit 1. Probability of completing Seabrook 1. Comparison of Seabrook to alternatives. Rate effects. Recommendations regarding utility and PUC actions with respect to Seabrook.

- 36. Mass. DPU 84-145, Fitchburg Gas and Electric rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. November 6 1984.**

Prudence of Fitchburg and Public Service of New Hampshire in decision regarding Seabrook 2 construction: FGE's decision to participate, the utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, FGE's failure to question PSNH's decisions, and utilities' delay in halting construction and canceling the unit. Review of literature, cost and schedule estimate histories, cost-benefit analyses, and financial feasibility.

- 37. Penn. PUC R-842651, Pennsylvania Power and Light rate case; Pennsylvania Consumer Advocate. November 1984.**

Need for Susquehanna 2. Cost of operating unit, power output, cost-effectiveness compared to alternatives, and its effect on rates. Design of phase-in and excess capacity proposals to protect ratepayers: limitation of base-rate treatment to fuel savings benefit of unit.

- 38. N.H. PSC 84-200**, Seabrook Unit-1 investigation; New Hampshire Consumer Advocate. November 1984.

Cost of completing and operating Seabrook Unit 1. Probability of completing Seabrook 1. Comparison of Seabrook to alternatives. Rate and financial effects.

- 39. Mass. Division of Insurance**, hearing to fix and establish 1986 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General. November 1984.

Profit-margin calculations, including methodology and implementation.

- 40. Mass. DPU 84-152**, Seabrook Unit 1 investigation; Massachusetts Attorney General. December 1984.

Cost of completing and operating Seabrook. Probability of completing Seabrook 1. Seabrook capacity factors.

- 41. Maine PUC 84-120**; Central Maine Power rate case; Maine PUC Staff. December 1984.

Prudence of Central Maine Power and Boston Edison in decisions regarding Pilgrim 2 construction: CMP's decision to participate, the utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, CMP's failure to question Edison's decisions, and the utilities' delay in canceling the unit. Prudence of CMP in the planning and investment in Sears Island nuclear and coal plants. Review of literature, cost and schedule estimate histories, cost-benefit analyses, and financial feasibility.

- 42. Maine PUC 84-113**, Seabrook 2 investigation; Maine PUC Staff. December 1984.

Prudence of Maine utilities and Public Service of New Hampshire in decisions regarding Seabrook 2 construction: decisions to participate and to increase ownership share, the utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, failure to question PSNH's decisions, and the utilities' delay in halting construction and canceling the unit. Review of literature, cost and schedule estimate histories, cost-benefit analyses, and financial feasibility.

- 43. Mass. DPU 1627**, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company financing case; Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy Resources. January 1985.

Cost of completing and operating Seabrook nuclear unit 1. Cost of conservation and other alternatives to completing Seabrook. Comparison of Seabrook to alternatives.

- 44. Vt. PSB 4936**, Millstone 3 costs and in-service date; Vermont Department of Public Service. January 1985.

Construction schedule and cost of completing Millstone Unit 3.

- 45. Mass. DPU 84-276**, rules governing rates for utility purchases of power from qualifying facilities; Massachusetts Attorney General. March 1985 and October 1985.

Institutional and technological advantages of Qualifying Facilities. Potential for QF development. Goals of QF rate design. Parity with other power sources. Security requirements. Projecting avoided costs. Capacity credits. Pricing options. Line loss corrections.

- 46. Mass. DPU 85-121**, investigation of the Reading Municipal Light Department; Wilmington (Mass.) Chamber of Commerce. November 1985.

Calculation on return on investment for municipal utility. Treatment of depreciation and debt for ratemaking. Geographical discrimination in street-lighting rates. Relative size of voluntary payments to Reading and other towns. Surplus and disinvestment. Revenue allocation.

- 47. Mass. Division of Insurance**, hearing to fix and establish 1986 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau. November 1985.

Profit margin calculations, including methodology, implementation, modeling of investment balances, income, and return to shareholders.

- 48. N.M. PSC 1833, Phase II**; El Paso Electric rate case; New Mexico Attorney General. December 1985.

Nuclear decommissioning fund design. Internal and external funds; risk and return; fund accumulation, recommendations. Interim performance standard for Palo Verde nuclear plant.

- 49. Penn. PUC R-850152**, Philadelphia Electric rate case; Utility Users Committee and University of Pennsylvania. January 1986.

Limerick-1 rate effects. Capacity benefits, fuel savings, operating costs, capacity factors, and net benefits to ratepayers. Design of phase-in proposals.

- 50. Mass. DPU 85-270**; Western Massachusetts Electric rate case; Massachusetts Attorney General. March 1986.

Prudence of Northeast Utilities in generation planning related to Millstone 3 construction: decisions to start and continue construction, failure to reduce ownership share, failure to pursue alternatives. Review of industry literature, cost and schedule histories, and retrospective cost-benefit analyses.

- 51. Penn. PUC R-850290**, Philadelphia Electric auxiliary service rates; Albert Einstein Medical Center, University of Pennsylvania, and Amtrak. March 1986.

Review of utility proposals for supplementary and backup rates for small power producers and cogenerators. Load diversity, cost of peaking capacity, value of generation, price signals, and incentives. Formulation of alternative supplementary rate.

- 52. N.M. PSC 2004, Public Service of New Mexico Palo Verde issues; New Mexico Attorney General. May 1986.**

Recommendations for power-plant performance standards for Palo Verde nuclear units 1, 2, and 3.

- 53. Ill. CC 86-0325, Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Co. rate investigation; Illinois Office of Public Counsel. August 1986.**

Determination of excess capacity based on reliability and economic concerns. Identification of specific units associated with excess capacity. Required reserve margins.

- 54. N.M. PSC 2009, El Paso Electric rate moderation program; New Mexico Attorney General. August 1986.**

Prudence of EPE in generation planning related to Palo Verde nuclear construction, including failure to reduce ownership share and failure to pursue alternatives. Review of industry literature, cost and schedule histories, and retrospective cost-benefit analyses.

Recommendation for rate-base treatment; proposal of power plant performance standards.

- 55. City of Boston Public Improvements Commission, transfer of Boston Edison district heating steam system to Boston Thermal Corporation; Boston Housing Authority. December 1986.**

History and economics of steam system; possible motives of Boston Edison in seeking sale; problems facing Boston Thermal; information and assurances required prior to Commission approval of transfer.

- 56. Mass. Division of Insurance, hearing to fix and establish 1987 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau. December 1986 and January 1987.**

Profit margin calculations, including methodology, implementation, derivation of cash flows, installment income, income tax status, and return to shareholders.

- 57. Mass. DPU 87-19, petition for adjudication of development facilitation program; Hull (Mass.) Municipal Light Plant. January 1987.**

Estimation of potential load growth; cost of generation, transmission, and distribution additions. Determination of hook-up charges. Development of residential load estimation procedure reflecting appliance ownership, dwelling size.

- 58. N.M. PSC 2004, Public Service of New Mexico nuclear decommissioning fund; New Mexico Attorney General. February 1987.**

Decommissioning cost and likely operating life of nuclear plants. Review of utility funding proposal. Development of alternative proposal. Ratemaking treatment.

- 59. Mass. DPU 86-280**, Western Massachusetts Electric rate case; Massachusetts Energy Office. March 1987.

Marginal cost rate design issues. Superiority of long-run marginal cost over short-run marginal cost as basis for rate design. Relationship of Consumer reaction, utility planning process, and regulatory structure to rate design approach. Implementation of short-run and long-run rate designs. Demand versus energy charges, economic development rates, spot pricing.

- 60. Mass. Division of Insurance 87-9**, 1987 Workers' Compensation rate filing; State Rating Bureau. May 1987.

Profit-margin calculations, including methodology, implementation, surplus requirements, investment income, and effects of 1986 Tax Reform Act.

- 61. Texas PUC 6184**, economic viability of South Texas Nuclear Plant #2; Committee for Consumer Rate Relief. August 1987.

Nuclear plant operating parameter projections; capacity factor, O&M, capital additions, decommissioning, useful life. STNP-2 cost and schedule projections. Potential for conservation.

- 62. Minn. PUC ER-015/GR-87-223**, Minnesota Power rate case; Minnesota Department of Public Service. August 1987.

Excess capacity on MP system; historical, current, and projected. Review of MP planning prudence prior to and during excess; efforts to sell capacity. Cost of excess capacity. Recommendations for ratemaking treatment.

- 63. Mass. Division of Insurance 87-27**, 1988 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau. September 2 1987. Rebuttal October 1987.

Underwriting profit margins. Effect of 1986 Tax Reform Act. Biases in calculation of average margins.

- 64. Mass. DPU 88-19**, power Sales Contract from Riverside Steam and Electric to Western Massachusetts Electric; Riverside Steam and Electric. November 1987.

Comparison of risk from QF contract and utility avoided-cost sources. Risk of oil dependence. Discounting cash flows to reflect risk.

- 65. Mass. Division of Insurance 87-53**, 1987 Workers' Compensation rate refiling; State Rating Bureau. December 1987.

Profit-margin calculations including updating of data, compliance with Commissioner's order, treatment of surplus and risk, interest rate calculation, and investment tax rate calculation.

- 66. Mass. Division of Insurance**, 1987 and 1988 automobile insurance remand rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau. February 1988.

Underwriting profit margins. Provisions for income taxes on finance charges. Relationships between allowed and achieved margins, between statewide and nationwide data, and between profit allowances and cost projections.

- 67. Mass. DPU 86-36**, investigation into the pricing and ratemaking treatment to be afforded new electric generating facilities which are not qualifying facilities; Conservation Law Foundation. May 1988.

Cost recovery for utility conservation programs. Compensating for lost revenues. Utility incentive structures.

- 68. Mass. DPU 88-123**, petition of Riverside Steam & Electric; Riverside Steam and Electric Company. May 1988 and November 1988.

Estimation of avoided costs of Western Massachusetts Electric Company. Nuclear capacity factor projections and effects on avoided costs. Avoided cost of energy interchange and power plant life extensions. Differences between median and expected oil prices. Salvage value of cogeneration facility. Off-system energy purchase projections. Reconciliation of avoided cost projection.

- 69. Mass. DPU 88-67**, Boston Gas Company; Boston Housing Authority. June 1988.

Estimation of annual avoidable costs, 1988 to 2005, and levelized avoided costs. Determination of cost recovery and carrying costs for conservation investments. Standards for assessing conservation cost-effectiveness. Evaluation of cost-effectiveness of utility funding of proposed natural gas conservation measures.

- 70. R.I. PUC 1900**, Providence Water Supply Board tariff filing; Conservation Law Foundation, Audubon Society of Rhode Island, and League of Women Voters of Rhode Island. June 1988.

Estimation of avoidable water supply costs. Determination of costs of water conservation. Conservation cost-benefit analysis.

- 71. Mass. Division of Insurance 88-22**, 1989 automobile insurance rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau; Profit Issues, August 1988, supplemented August 1988; Losses and Expenses, September 1988.

Underwriting profit margins. Effects of 1986 Tax Reform Act. Taxation of common stocks. Lag in tax payments. Modeling risk and return over time. Treatment of finance charges. Comparison of projected and achieved investment returns.

72. **Vt. PSB 5270** Module 6, investigation into least-cost investments, energy efficiency, conservation, and the management of demand for energy; Conservation Law Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources Council, and Vermont Public Interest Research Group. September 1988.

Cost recovery for utility conservation programs. Compensation of utilities for revenue losses and timing differences. Incentive for utility participation.

73. **Vt. House of Representatives, Natural Resources Committee**, House Act 130; “Economic Analysis of Vermont Yankee Retirement”; Vermont Public Interest Research Group. February 1989.

Projection of capacity factors, operating and maintenance expense, capital additions, overhead, replacement power costs, and net costs of Vermont Yankee.

74. **Mass. DPU 88-67** Phase II, Boston Gas company conservation program and rate design; Boston Gas Company. March 1989.

Estimation of avoided gas cost; treatment of non-price factors; estimation of externalities; identification of cost-effective conservation.

75. **Vt. PSB 5270**, status conference on conservation and load management policy settlement; Central Vermont Public Service, Conservation Law Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Vermont Public Interest Research Group, and Vermont Department of Public Service. May 1989.

Cost-benefit test for utility conservation programs. Role of externalities. Cost recovery concepts and mechanisms. Resource allocations, cost allocations, and equity considerations. Guidelines for conservation preapproval mechanisms. Incentive mechanisms and recovery of lost revenues.

76. **Boston Housing Authority Court 05099**, Gallivan Boulevard Task Force vs. Boston Housing Authority, et al.; Boston Housing Authority. June 1989.

Effect of master-metering on consumption of natural gas and electricity. Legislative and regulatory mandates regarding conservation.

77. **Mass. DPU 89-100**, Boston Edison rates; Massachusetts Energy Office. June 1989.

Prudence of decision to spend \$400 million from 1986–88 to return Pilgrim nuclear plant to service. Projections of nuclear capacity factors, O&M, capital additions, and overhead. Review of decommissioning cost, tax effect of abandonment, replacement power cost, and plant useful life estimates. Requirements for prudence and used-and-useful analyses.

- 78. Mass. DPU 88-123**, petition of Riverside Steam and Electric Company; Riverside Steam and Electric. July 1989. Rebuttal, October 1989.

Reasonableness of Northeast Utilities' 1987 avoided cost estimates. Projections of nuclear capacity factors, economy purchases, and power plant operating life. Treatment of avoidable energy and capacity costs and of off-system sales. Expected versus reference fuel prices.

- 79. Mass. DPU 89-72**, Statewide Towing Association police-ordered towing rates; Massachusetts Automobile Rating Bureau. September 1989.

Review of study supporting proposed increase in towing rates. Critique of study sample and methodology. Comparison to competitive rates. Supply of towing services. Effects of joint products and joint sales on profitability of police-ordered towing. Joint testimony with I. Goodman.

- 80. Vt. PSB 5330**, application of Vermont utilities for approval of a firm power and energy contract with Hydro-Quebec; Conservation Law Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Vermont Public Interest Research Group. December 1989. Surrebuttal February 1990.

Analysis of a proposed 20-year power purchase. Comparison to efficiency investment. Critique of conservation potential analysis. Analysis of Vermont electric energy supply. Planning risk of large supply additions. Valuation of environmental externalities. Identification of possible improvements to proposed contract.

- 81. Mass. DPU 89-239**, inclusion of externalities in energy-supply planning, acquisition, and dispatch for Massachusetts utilities. Boston Gas Company. December 1989; April 1990; May 1990.

Critique of Division of Energy Resources report on externalities. Methodology for evaluating external costs. Proposed values for environmental and economic externalities of fuel supply and use.

- 82. California PUC**, incorporation of environmental externalities in utility planning and pricing; Coalition of Energy Efficient and Renewable Technologies. February 1990.

Approaches for valuing externalities for inclusion in setting power purchase rates. Effect of uncertainty on assessing externality values.

- 83. Ill. CC 90-0038**, proceeding to adopt a least-cost electric-energy plan for Commonwealth Edison Company; City of Chicago. May 25 1990. Joint rebuttal testimony with David Birr, August 1990.

Problems in Commonwealth Edison's approach to demand-side management. Potential for cost-effective conservation. Valuing externalities in least-cost planning.

- 84. Md. PSC 8278**, adequacy of Baltimore Gas & Electric's integrated resource plan; Maryland Office of People's Counsel. September 1990.

Rationale for demand-side management. BG&E's problems in approach to DSM planning. Potential for cost-effective conservation. Valuation of environmental externalities. Recommendations for short-term DSM program priorities.

- 85. Ind. URC**, integrated-resource-planning docket; Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor. November 1990.

Integrated resource planning process and methodology, including externalities and screening tools. Incentives, screening, and evaluation of demand-side management. Potential of resource bidding in Indiana.

- 86. Mass. DPU 89-141, 90-73, 90-141, 90-194, 90-270**; preliminary review of utility treatment of environmental externalities in October qualifying-facilities filings; Boston Gas Company. November 1990.

Generic and specific problems in Massachusetts utilities' RFPs with regard to externality valuation requirements. Recommendations for corrections.

- 87. Mass. EFSC 90-12/90-12A**, adequacy of Boston Edison proposal to build combined-cycle plant; Conservation Law Foundation. December 1990.

Problems in Boston Edison's treatment of demand-side management, supply option analysis, and resource planning. Recommendations of mitigation options.

- 88. Maine PUC 90-286**, adequacy of conservation program of Bangor Hydro Electric; Penobscot River Coalition. February 1991.

Role of utility-sponsored DSM in least-cost planning. Bangor Hydro's potential for cost-effective conservation. Problems with Bangor Hydro's assumptions about customer investment in energy efficiency measures.

- 89. Va. SCC PUE900070**, commission investigation; Southern Environmental Law Center. March 1991.

Role of utilities in promoting energy efficiency. Least-cost planning objectives of and resource acquisition guidelines for DSM. Ratemaking considerations for DSM investments.

- 90. Mass. DPU 90-261-A**, economics and role of fuel-switching in the DSM program of the Massachusetts Electric Company; Boston Gas Company. April 1991.

Role of fuel-switching in utility DSM programs and specifically in Massachusetts Electric's. Establishing comparable avoided costs and comparison of electric and gas system costs. Updated externality values.

- 91. Private arbitration**, Massachusetts Refusetech Contractual Request for Adjustment to Service Fee; Massachusetts Refusetech. May 1991.

NEPCo rates for power purchases from the New England Solid Waste Compact plant. Fuel price and avoided cost projections vs. realities.

- 92. Vt. PSB 5491**, cost-effectiveness of Central Vermont's commitment to Hydro Quebec purchases; Conservation Law Foundation. July 1991.

Changes in load forecasts and resale markets since approval of HQ purchases. Effect of HQ purchase on DSM.

- 93. S.C. PSC 91-216-E**, cost recovery of Duke Power's DSM expenditures; South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. Direct, September 13 1991; Surrebuttal October 1991.

Problems with conservation plans of Duke Power, including load building, cream skimming, and inappropriate rate designs.

- 94. Md. PSC 8241 Phase II**, review of Baltimore Gas & Electric's avoided costs; Maryland Office of People's Counsel. September 1991.

Development of direct avoided costs for DSM. Problems with BG&E's avoided costs and DSM screening. Incorporation of environmental externalities.

- 95. Bucksport (Maine) Planning Board**, AES/Harriman Cove shoreland zoning application; Conservation Law Foundation and Natural Resources Council of Maine. October 1991.

New England's power surplus. Costs of bringing AES/Harriman Cove on line to back out existing generation. Alternatives.

- 96. Mass. DPU 91-131**, update of externalities values adopted in Docket 89-239; Boston Gas Company. October 1991. Rebuttal, December 1991.

Updates on pollutant externality values. Addition of values for chlorofluorocarbons, air toxics, thermal pollution, and oil import premium. Review of state regulatory actions regarding externalities.

- 97. Fla. PSC 910759**, petition of Florida Power Corporation for determination of need for proposed electrical power plant and related facilities; Floridians for Responsible Utility Growth. October 1991.

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ACRONYMS AND INITIALISMS

APS	Alleghany Power System	LRAM	Lost-Revenue-Adjustment Mechanism
ASLB	Atomic Safety and Licensing Board	NARUC	National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
BEP	Board of Environmental Protection	NEPOOL	New England Power Pool
BPU	Board of Public Utilities	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
BRC	Board of Regulatory Commissioners	OCA	Office of Consumer Advocate
CC	Corporation Commission	PSB	Public Service Board
CMP	Central Maine Power	PBR	Performance-based Regulation
DER	Department of Environmental Regulation	PSC	Public Service Commission
DPS	Department of Public Service	PUC	Public Utility Commission
DQE	Duquesne Light	PUB	Public Utilities Board
DPUC	Department of Public Utilities Control	PURA	Public Utility Regulatory Authority
DSM	Demand-Side Management	PURPA	Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act
DTE	Department of Telecommunications and Energy	ROÉÉ	Regroupement des organismes environnementaux en énergie
EAB	Environmental Assessment Board	SCC	State Corporation Commission
EFSB	Energy Facilities Siting Board	UARB	Utility and Review Board
EFSC	Energy Facilities Siting Council	USAEE	U.S. Association of Energy Economists
EUB	Energy and Utilities Board	UC	Utilities Commission
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	URC	Utility Regulatory Commission
ISO	Independent System Operator	UTC	Utilities and Transportation Commission