- Q. In reference to the evidence of Larry Brockman, page 9, lines 17 to 19 "A survey of Canadian utilities showed that the BCC generally does not recover all of the customer related costs derived from their cost of service studies, suggesting that regulators consider other factors when setting this charge." What are these "other factors" that turned up in Mr. Brockman's analysis?
- 6 7 A. The suggestion referred to on page 9, lines 17 to 19 of Larry Brockman's evidence is 8 based on Mr. Brockman's experience that regulators sometimes consider factors other than cost in setting specific charges. Such factors include: conflicting goals of rate 9 10 design, such as pricing energy tail blocks to reflect marginal cost while maintaining class revenue requirements; not wanting to impact small customers by setting BCCs at cost; 11 12 philosophical differences on the veracity of the minimum system and zero intercept concepts; and, political considerations. 13