Q. Exhibit 1, page 6, footnote 14 of Hydro's compliance application. Confirm that the use of funds from the Hydraulic Production Variation RSP balance to offset amounts owed by customers was agreed to by the parties in the settlement agreement in the 2006 general rate application and provide the amounts that would be associated with specifically assigned charge for each industrial customer. Provide an explanation as to how this is relevant to the consideration of the method proposed by Hydro for the collection of revenue deficiencies in its compliance application.

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A. It is not confirmed. The savings from the Hydraulic Production Variation RSP balance in the 2006 General Rate Application settlement agreement were utilized to reduce the amount of the Historical Plan RSP balance to be recovered from Island Industrial customers in the future. Accordingly, the Island Industrial Customer portion of the total December 31, 2006 RSP Hydraulic variation credit balance was transferred to the Historic RSP balance to be applied in determining Island Industrial Customer rate changes to become effective January 1, 2008.

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While the 2006 Settlement Agreement did not involve the use of the RSP credit
balance to offset amounts owing related to specifically assigned charges, Hydro
considers the 2006 Settlement Agreement relevant in that the credit balance was
applied in aggregate to the benefit of all Island Industrial Customers to pay the RSP
Historical Plan balance. The relative portion of the RSP Historical Plan balance
attributable to the usage of each customer was not considered in assessing the
fairness of the approach.

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¹ 2006 GRA Revenue Requirement Settlement Agreement, November 23, 2006, page 7.