Manitoba Hydro Undertaking #43

Advise as to whether AOCI has been a factor in the Debt:Equity ratio for the various fiscal years going back to 2005/06.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI) consists primarily of unrealized foreign exchange translation gains or losses on Manitoba Hydro's US denominated debt. AOCI was first introduced as a component of equity in Manitoba Hydro's 2007/08 financial statements, reflecting a changing requirement in Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Prior to that, unrealized foreign exchange translation gains or losses were represented on the balance sheet as a deferred charge or credit.

The following table shows a comparison of how deferred foreign exchange amounts were embedded in the debt equity ratio in the pre AOCI period and how AOCI is currently incorporated into this calculation:

Fiscal 2006/07

	Historical Calculation	Current Calculation
Long-term debt net of sinking fund investments	6,192	6,192
Current portion, long-term debt	405	405
Notes payable	148	148
Less: Cash and cash equivalent	(1)	(1)
Deferred foreign exchange	149	
Net debt	6,893	6,744
Retained earnings	1,407	1,407
AOCI (Deferred foreign exchange)		149
Contributions in aid of construction	335	335
	1,742	1,891
Debt Ratio	80%	78%
Equity Ratio	20%	22%

In effect, the Historical Calculation eliminated any unrealized gains or losses associated with the translation of US long-term debt to Canadian dollars at balance sheet date. Under the Current Calculation, unrealized gains or losses are explicitly recognized in equity.

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