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REVIEW OF MANITOBA HYDRO'S
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1 --- Upon commencing at 9:03 a.m.

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3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Good morning. I
4 believe that we're ready to resume the proceedings. I
5 wonder if there are any documents to acknowledge, Ms.
6 Boyd.

7 MS. MARLA BOYD: Thank you and good
8 morning. We do have one (1) undertaking to file. It's
9 in response to Undertaking number 31. We would propose
10 that it be Manitoba Hydro Exhibit number 110. The
11 undertaking is for Manitoba Hydro to provide provision
12 of DSM plan evaluations from the perspective of the
13 Manitoba Hydro impact with the utility cost incentive
14 and loss revenue included.

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16 --- EXHIBIT NO. MH-110: Response to Undertaking 31

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18 MS. MARLA BOYD: And if you'd like to
19 take just a moment, I think if Mr. Wojczynski sort of
20 walks you through it, it will be a little easier to
21 understand.

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23 MANITOBA HYDRO PANEL 4 CONTINUED:

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8 ED WOJCZYNSKI, Previously Sworn

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10 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: If you would like,
11 I'll just give a very quick explanation. Manitoba
12 Hydro had provided on Monday, I guess it was, the
13 analysis of the levels of DSM on a TRC basis, 'TRC
14 basis' meaning it's the cost to -- not to Manitoba
15 Hydro, per se, but to Manitoba Hydro and the customers
16 together. And rate impacts are ignored in that. And
17 that's the societal test, in effect, like -- like a
18 societal test for DSM. And -- and that's the primary
19 one used to evaluate is DSM economic or not.

20 The second test that is applied is,
21 well, what happens to the rates when you -- at
22 different levels of DSM? And the financial people are
23 working on providing that. And we've given a schedule
24 for that earlier.

25 What we had indicated the day of the

1 undertaking is that we could provide an evaluation of -
2 - an NPV evaluation of what the impact would be to
3 Manitoba Hydro alone, including the impacts on -- on
4 rates and the reduction of domestic revenue from the
5 different levels of DSM, and it's not as good as the
6 financial analysis, but it gives you a preliminary
7 indication of what you will see in the financial
8 analysis.

9 So that's what this is. And what it
10 is, is if we could just look at the All Gas column, and
11 you'll see that it starts at zero, so we're using the
12 base DSM as -- as the starting point, as the reference
13 point here. Base DSM being the DSM from 2013 that
14 you've heard about before, and then you just go down
15 the column. So you can -- you only compare these
16 numbers down the column, not across the rows.

17 So assuming the All Gas Plan, we varied
18 the levels of the DSM, and you can see that on Manitoba
19 Hydro's net revenues, going from base DSM to Level 1
20 DSM is positive. Going to Level 2 is positive. Level
21 3 is -- is positive. One -- one moment. I -- I just
22 got mixed up. There's a reason we're explaining this.
23 Sorry, let me start that again.

24 Going from base DSM to Level 1 DSM, you
25 see it increases from zero to four twenty-six (426).

1 That's positive. Going from Level 1 to Level 2 is
2 positive, and that's going four twenty-six (426) to
3 seven twenty-three (723). But then you see we drop
4 from seven twenty-three (723) to three seventy-five
5 (375). That's negative.

6 And so that, from a Manitoba Hydro point
7 of view, there's a -- there's a -- a overall reduction
8 in revenues by going from two (2) to three (3), which
9 will imply there will be an increase in rates. The
10 other levels you would expect overall in the long term,
11 they would be -- the -- they would be favourable and
12 have a reduction in rates.

13 So this con -- this is consistent with
14 our economic analysis from a -- a TRC point of view
15 that says, Levels 1 and 2 are good, and Level 3 is
16 uneconomic, or in this case, Level 3 causes rate
17 increases.

18 We also looked at Level 2 DSM with the
19 pipeline load, and Level 3 DSM with the pipeline load,
20 and you see in that case, you go from 15 million
21 positive for Level 2 DSM with the pipeline to minus
22 three forty-three (343) with the Level 3 DSM with the
23 pipeline load, so it's the same story.

24 Going to level 3 DSM is unfavourable
25 from this metric, and would suggest that there would be

1 rate increases in the long term with that plan.

2 If you look at Plan 5 or Plan 14 --
3 let's just look at Plan 14. It's the same story. If
4 you go from base DSM to Level 1, it -- it goes up to --
5 to one seventy-six (176), then it goes up to three
6 ninety-three (393), and then when you go to Level 3, it
7 drops.

8 And again, from Level 2 DSM with the
9 pipeline to Level 3 with the pipeline, it gets more
10 negative, so it's -- it's a consistent story regardless
11 of which plan you have. Going -- increasing the DSM up
12 to Level 2 is positive, and then going above that is
13 negative. Thank you.

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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17 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Mr.
18 Wojczynski. Over to you, M. Hacaault.

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Bonjour, M.
20 President. Good morning, members of the panel. First
21 an administrative matter. Mr. Byron Williams had
22 indicated yesterday that MIPUG and CAC had combined
23 together to send some pre-asks on Wednesday to Manitoba
24 Hydro, so we have provided to Board secretary the list
25 of six (6) Pre-asks, and we would propose to have that

1 list marked as Exhibit MIPUG-21.

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3 --- EXHIBIT NO. MIPUG-21: List of six (6) Pre-asks
4 from MIPUG and CAC to
5 Manitoba Hydro

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7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: We believe that
8 number 2 in that pre-ask has been substantially
9 answered.

10 MS. MARLA BOYD: I wonder if you have
11 hard copies of that? It just popped up in my email a
12 couple of minutes ago, so my panel hasn't looked at it.

13

14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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16 THE CHAIRPERSON: This is Exhibit 21 of
17 MIPUG?

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yes.

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I would note for
23 the record that, again, Manitoba Hyd -- Hydro has been
24 doing an outstanding job trying to respond to the
25 remaining IRs. There's some, and we'll try to identify

1 them in our second round, that are probably not as
2 important to be answered anymore. So we'll communicate
3 with Manitoba Hydro with respect to reducing the
4 workload and trying to knock off some of the ones that
5 we think may not be as much as a priority.

6 So the next matter administratively is I
7 had advised -- or canvassed counsel last night, given
8 that we have two (2) experts that need to leave this
9 afternoon, as to whether they would be prepared to
10 start this morning with their cross-examination, if
11 any, of those two (2) gentlemen. And there might be
12 some overlap with the Hydro panel on their questions.
13 But they indicated that that would be possible.

14 So my suggestion, with the leave of the
15 -- the Board, is that I would stand down my cross-
16 examination to allow them to ask their questions to
17 make sure any questions of those gentlemen have been
18 dealt with before they need to leave. And I would also
19 do the same when I start my cross-examination. The
20 ones I think they may be involved in, I would ask, and
21 then I would continue my cross-examination, if that
22 makes sense?

23 THE CHAIRPERSON: Yes, it would be.

24 MS. MARLA BOYD: Just before we move
25 one, Mr. Chairman, with respect to MIPUG Exhibit 21, we

1 do certainly appreciate the cooperation that MIPUG has
2 shown and we will appreciate any effort there is to
3 reduce the workload that's expected here. But in terms
4 of actually responding to each of the items in that
5 exhibit, I would suggest that Manitoba Hydro will be in
6 a position to respond to the request for information
7 there, in terms of putting our position on the record
8 as to whether or not these things can be accomplished,
9 after the break.

10 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: That's
11 acceptable. Thank you very much.

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13 CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS:

14 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Good morning,
15 Mr. Chair. Jessica Saunders. So I have a few
16 questions for the panel related to the seventy-eight
17 (78) year study period. While I think my question is
18 going to be answered by Mr. Wojczynski, I noted earlier
19 that members of the panel have commented on questions
20 posed to other panel members. And so I thought it
21 appropriate to ask these questions now in case there
22 may be any comments from Drs. Borison and Murphy.

23 Jessica Saunders. I represent the
24 Manitoba Metis Federation. And so I'm just wondering,
25 what study period was used in Wuskwatim?

1 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: My recollection it
2 was thirty-five (35) years.

3 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. Has
4 Manitoba Hydro expanded the study period in considering
5 the PDP beyond that which was used in -- it obviously
6 has expanded the study period, and I'm just wondering
7 why?

8 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: In Wuskwatim, how -
9 - we -- just like in -- in this NFAT -- in the
10 Wuskwatim NFAT, just like this NFAT, the Hydro projects
11 there ha -- also had, of course, a sixty-seven (67)
12 year life, which was beyond the thirty-five (35) year
13 study period. In Wuskwatim NFAT, how we dealt with
14 that was we calculated residual value. And that is the
15 value of the asset at the end of the study period, how
16 much is remaining of that asset. We calculated a
17 residual value using the salvage value technique.

18 And -- and what that is, it -- it
19 calculates -- at that point if you've got forty-four
20 (44) years of life left, you determine how much of the
21 asset effectively has been used or depreciated in a --
22 in -- and with an even use of the project over each of
23 the years. So you allocate the project's use over each
24 of the years and effectively calculate a depreciation
25 and then say at the end of that, What's the NPV of --

1 of the remaining asset.

2 That only -- that does not really
3 calculate the benefit of the project beyond the thirty-
4 five (35) years. It just says how much of the asset
5 value is left. A -- and that's a poor estimate of the
6 residual value. A better estimate of the residual
7 value is to do an estimate of what is the market value
8 of that asset at the end of the study period.

9 So we decided, as a whole bunch of
10 lessons learned from Wuskwatim, to do a number of
11 things differently in our evaluation process. You've
12 already heard about some of them, and the -- the --
13 perhaps one of the biggest ones is we went and dealt
14 more thoroughly with -- with uncertainty analysis and
15 risks and scenarios, and did a whole bunch of work on
16 risks that were not done on Wuskwatim, including using
17 the probabilistic scenarios.

18 Another thing we did was to improve the
19 method of estimating that residual value, and that was
20 through using a second study period that was not a
21 full-scale, detailed study period; it was an estimation
22 of the competitive market value of that asset. So
23 that's why we did that.

24 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Thank you.
25 Those are all my questions.

1 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Merci, Messr.
2 President. Earlier this week, Mr. Miles asked me how
3 it was back over here, and I said it was fine. But
4 subject to the -- the change in time, the hour change,
5 a little bad. But I'm pleased to say that on a clear
6 day, I can see My Friend, Mr. Hombach, across the way
7 here.

8 MR. SVEN HOMBACH: And on that note, if
9 you'd like to move to the front, I see that there's
10 currently an empty chair.

11 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: I -- I prefer to
12 -- to pontificate from this vantage point, thank you.

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14 CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN:

15 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Dr. Borison, I
16 just have some questions for you with respect to
17 utilitarian, rather than regret, approach that's set
18 out in -- in your report. And we did provide a book of
19 documents, and if you could bring that up to page 7 and
20 8, Tab 1, please.

21 THE CHAIRPERSON: M. Monnin, we should
22 probably assign an exhibit number to this before you
23 start.

24 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Yes, Mr. Chair.
25 I -- I believe this would be 7-2 from Hill Co. on the

1 exhibit list.

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3 --- EXHIBIT NO. HILL-7-2: Book of documents

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5 CONTINUED BY MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN:

6 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Dr. Borison,
7 some very simpleton questions from -- from me here. Is
8 -- is utilitarian the same as expected value?

9 DR. ADAM BORISON: Technically, it's
10 the same as expected utility, but very similar.

11 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Okay.

12 DR. ADAM BORISON: If you'd like me to
13 explain more about that -- utility theory basically --
14 not electric utility theory, but utility theory --
15 takes numbers and turns them into some measure --
16 utiles, they're called -- some measure of their quality
17 or their value. And then you take the expectation or
18 average of those.

19 In most economic financial applications,
20 you typically don't do that piece very often. So you
21 would take the expectation over the actual financial
22 values. So I use the term 'expected utility', but most
23 often that is equivalent -- is very close to an
24 expected value kind of approach.

25 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: And -- and with

1 respect to -- and in reading -- looking at page 7 and 8
2 of the exhibit in front of you, which, depending on
3 where you look on your report, it's either page 18 of
4 24 or page 15.

5 Having gone through that, do I
6 understand your -- your opinion in there is that La
7 Capra has adopted or uses the regret approach?

8 DR. ADAM BORISON: Yes, but let me
9 clarify that. The term 'regret', obviously we all use
10 that term, so it's not always a technical term. In --
11 from my understanding, in this form of analysis, the
12 fundamental principle behind the regret approach is to
13 find some base alternative, kind of business as usual,
14 and compare your life to that.

15 And to the extent La Capra did that with
16 the All Gas alternative, it is the regret approach. In
17 other words, the La Capra approach, as I understand it,
18 puts zeros in every scenario with the All Gas
19 alternative, thereby saying, I'm going to compare
20 myself to how I would have felt if I had done the All
21 Gas in that scenario.

22 That is the essence of regret:
23 disappointment, relief. It's not, How much do I
24 actually have? But, How would I have done compared to
25 if I'd done something different? And that is a

1 descriptive approach. That particular approach, people
2 take that all the time. We all do that in -- we --
3 that's the way we often think of life, right? I should
4 have done that instead, or, I'm so glad I didn't do
5 that.

6 But in -- that's why it's called
7 descriptive. It describes what we do. But in
8 practice, when you try to recommend what to do, in
9 general, that's not viewed very favourably. Instead,
10 we should say, How better off am I, not, Oh, I really
11 would have been better if I had done something
12 different.

13 And the expected utility, or utilitarian
14 approach, does have a base, which, in most of our
15 graphics, is an All Gas case, but it is All Gas
16 ref/ref/ref. It is a single fixed point as a -- just
17 as an arbitrary, really, reference point, and we
18 compare our situation to that fixed point, and that is
19 the expected value, expected utility, or utilitarian
20 approach. How much better off or worse off am I
21 really, not, How much better off or worse off am I than
22 I would have been if I'd only been smart enough to do
23 something different?

24 And that's why call it that they -- the
25 approach they have taken. Whether they would like to

1 call it regret or not is, I believe, in the literature,
2 generally viewed as a regret approach. I hope that
3 makes sense.

4 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: So it's regret
5 approach but not necessary regret approach?

6 DR. ADAM BORISON: No, it is a regret
7 approach. The part they did not do, as far as I could
8 tell in that -- in the -- in the paper, is often when
9 you apply -- when you calculate, there's disappointment
10 or relief, which is -- with the -- all the zeros, and
11 then you compare everything and say, How much better do
12 I feel or not?

13 Often, in the regret approach, you apply
14 some fancy terminology, mini/max, maxi/min. You apply
15 some approach to deciding how much regret or
16 disappointment or relief you want to have, so there is
17 that difference. They did not apply this mini/max or
18 maxi/min particular philosophy to those numbers.

19 But using the numbers that way, in my
20 opinion, is effectively taking a regret view, which,
21 again, is different than an expected utility view, and
22 the evidence of that is in the vertical lines you see
23 in their work for All Gas, as if that has no
24 possibility of risk, which I don't think makes sense.

25 That's because you're now saying, All

1 Gas, that is the -- the baseline, and I'm going to
2 think about everything I do as how it compares to how I
3 would have felt if I'd only done that. And that --
4 again, descriptive. Very common that you might think
5 that way, but not generally viewed as a good way of
6 recommending decisions.

7 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Thank you, Dr.
8 Borison. Then could you please go to the next page of
9 this -- this tab? That would be page 8, and the third
10 full paragraph, Dr. Borison, which starts with:

11 "In the utilitarian approach, each
12 outcome represents a difference
13 between a specific plan and a
14 specific scenario and fixed-based
15 value."

16 The next sentence:

17 "Manitoba Hydro considered and
18 rejected the alternative regret
19 approach, (except as a supplement),
20 where planned outcomes are compared
21 with a specific scenario on a
22 scenario-by-scenario basis."

23 I need to better understand that
24 comment. What do you mean by that?

25 DR. ADAM BORISON: What I meant by that

1 is, as I think there's some evidence for that in some
2 of the articles that I think we've referenced, it is
3 certainly natural for stakeholders to ask the question,
4 How does this compare to what would have happened if
5 we'd done something different?

6 So my view, and I -- I have to ask
7 Manitoba Hydro, I think, if they -- if they say that
8 view, I think they do, is that it is -- there is no
9 reason that you might not want to do something like
10 that to display for people who are interested what the
11 implications might be. And, in fact, I think that's
12 what many of the experts in that field would say. This
13 is a useful thing to do. People have disappointment.
14 They have relief. It is a reasonable emotion to have.

15 It wouldn't be surprising if someone
16 were to ask that question, If we do the plan A are we
17 all going to be really upset? Is the PUB or someone
18 going to be really mad? That, Boy, you wish you would
19 have done something different.

20 And so I think my feel -- feeling was
21 that showing those as an output is very reasonable for
22 people that might have that interest. But again,
23 that's separate from saying, How would you actually
24 recommend we make that decision, which I view as a
25 distinct -- a separate activity. So that's what I mean

1 by a supplement.

2 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: And do you have
3 any -- like, can you point to any particular area or
4 section of the filings where Hydro has used that as a
5 supplement?

6 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: We did supply the --
7 the regret table in the Appendix 9.3 for kind of this
8 very reason, that -- just to show it there and so that
9 people could have that chance to look at it from that
10 descriptive perspective, and it was also referenced in
11 the executive summary of the filing.

12 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: And -- and thank
13 you, that -- that's very helpful, and I -- I think
14 we're on the same wavelength, which for me is -- is
15 good.

16 If you go to Tab 5 of our book of
17 documents, which ought to be page 13 -- no, that would
18 be page 14 you're on, I believe, at least from what I'm
19 reading. Let me go back.

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21 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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23 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Sorry, page 12.
24 I apologize for the quality, but Ms. Flynn, is that --
25 that's the table that you're referring to, Appendix

1 9.3?

2 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes, it is.

3 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Okay. And --

4 and again, if you can go to page 11, that's Table 2 of
5 the executive summary.

6 That's again where you're using what
7 I'll term as the regrets approach?

8 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

9 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: That's in
10 Chapter 14. And -- and one (1) last time, page 13 of -
11 - of the book of documents, please. Again, in the
12 executive summary it's Table 3.

13 Is this a -- a modified version of the
14 regrets approach?

15 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes, but you can
16 calculate this table whether you use the regrets
17 approach or the utility approach.

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19 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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21 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: And again, can
22 you enlighten me, Dr. Borison, the purpose of why we --
23 we use --

24 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: All right. I can
25 back up. I said -- I said it was also -- it can be

1 calculated with the utility approach. Actually, this
2 was calculated with the utility approach.

3 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Okay.

4

5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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7 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: And -- and the
8 reason why we used the regrets approach on at least two
9 (2) of the tables that we've gone through, again, is --
10 is -- that was -- what was the purpose of that as
11 opposed to a utilitarian approach right through the --
12 the report?

13 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: The executive
14 summary was intended to be an introductory explanation
15 to the whole business case, and we had the overview,
16 which is like an abstract, and then we had the
17 executive summary. And the -- the purpose of having
18 used the regret approach there is it's more -- and it -
19 - it's easier for someone who is first trying to
20 understand the -- what's happening with the different
21 plans, and with the variation in the economics.

22 It's -- it's more easily intuitively
23 understandable when looking at that, but it's -- it's
24 not as good for decision making, but the intent in the
25 -- in the executive summary was to give some

1 preliminary introductory understanding, and then once
2 people had that, then it would be easier for them to
3 deal with the more -- slightly more complicated
4 approach was the utilitarian, and that was a conscious
5 decision by me as the author of the executive summary.

6 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Thank you. Dr.
7 Borison, if you could turn to page 18 of the book of
8 documents? Now, this is a -- it's a -- an IR Response
9 from La Capra, LCA079. It's four (4) pages. And, Mr.
10 Chair, I appreciate this is quite likely the first time
11 that Dr. Borison has the opportunity to read it. And
12 I'm wondering if we could give him the oppor -- in
13 fairness, provide him with a few minutes to -- to
14 digest what's in this rather lengthy IR?

15 DR. ADAM BORISON: Which tab is it?

16 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: It would be Tab
17 8, Dr. Borison, starting at page 18. It's a four (4)
18 page IR.

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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22 DR. ADAM BORISON: I think I understand
23 the basis -- basic idea, yes.

24 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: And -- and
25 again, appreciating that you've just had the

1 opportunity to first read this, but also appreciating
2 that you know this stuff a lot better than -- than
3 myself.

4 Having read this, has this changed the
5 opinion that you have at all in -- in your report that
6 we referenced earlier?

7 DR. ADAM BORISON: In a word? Not at
8 all, no. In a single word, no. I can explain why if
9 you'd like.

10 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: I -- please, do.

11 DR. ADAM BORISON: The fundamental
12 question that I believe is -- or maybe the -- perhaps
13 there's misunderstanding of what was done and what --
14 but I think there's a -- a very fundamental view of
15 what should be done.

16 All -- virtually all the theory about
17 how to do decision making on uncertainty says you
18 should compare things to a fixed base. That you should
19 -- you should look at your current wealth, let's say,
20 and say, If I did this, I'd be this much wealthier; if
21 I did that, I'd be that much wealthier.

22 That is the fundamental theoretical
23 basis of utility theory, utilitarian, that you want to
24 look at actually how you -- what you've got -- you
25 know, I'm wearing certain clothes -- and -- and think

1 about what the uncertainty and risk in that might be,
2 and that's how you make a decision.

3 That's -- that is what Manitoba Hydro
4 did. It may have been called, at times, regret.
5 Regret may have a -- there may be an element of, in
6 some texts, about regret, but that is basically the
7 approach. What is the real impact this has on me, the
8 customers, stakeholders? That is what the utility
9 theory is all about.

10 The approach that is descriptive, that
11 might be helpful but is not really well regarded as a
12 guideline, is to -- as I said, to compare where you are
13 to what would have happened in that particular
14 scenario. And I use the term -- I -- I refer to that
15 as the regret approach. I think maybe there's --
16 perhaps -- again, regret approach has more elements to
17 it than that. But that is the fundamental difference,
18 is comparing -- having a bunch of zeros for any
19 alternative in all scenarios is effectively saying, I'm
20 going to compare things to what might have happened in
21 that scenario.

22 So the two (2) -- the fundamental
23 difference is there is a -- where there's a single zero
24 on our tables, most of them, there is a fixed base.
25 And even -- even gas has risk with respect to that

1 zero. There's another alternative that has zeros
2 everywhere for one (1) alternative across the board,
3 and that has no risk, which you can't regret that one,
4 because it's got all zeros.

5 And so that second one, whatever you
6 want to call it, I think is, frankly, unconventional
7 and misleading, comparatively speaking. So I think
8 there may be some confusion about terminology, which is
9 perfectly reasonable, given all the words have been
10 thrown around.

11 But this -- no, this does not change my
12 view that the fundamental approach that was taken by
13 and large by Manitoba Hydro is more appropriate and
14 that the use of this regret idea, or a lot of zeros in
15 a column, is more a supplement to provide an insight to
16 stakeholders who -- who like to think in those terms.

17 So it has not changed my opinion.

18 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: If we could go
19 to page 20 of the book of documents, please.

20 MR. TERRY MILES: Could we just have
21 one (1) minute? I just found the reference for Dr.
22 Borison in the LCA, their technical Appendix 9A, page
23 153. I just wanted to give Dr. Borison a chance just
24 to look at that, that's where the -- the quote was
25 taken from, if that's okay.

1 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Absolutely, but
2 I could -- the question I was going to ask doesn't
3 refer to that quote, but thank you.

4 DR. ADAM BORISON: Yes. No, that's
5 what -- I recall that, yes. Thank you.

6 MR. TERRY MILES: I just wanted to give
7 him the background of the code, because the code is
8 small, so -- and the context around it.

9 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Okay. Thank
10 you. Just a second, please. Back to page 20, starting
11 at line 22:

12 "Further, we note that Manitoba
13 Hydro's analysis and analysis
14 provided by LCA is an uncertainty
15 analysis. Neither analysis is a
16 regrets-approach decision making.
17 The proper comparative analysis of
18 alternative development plans under
19 uncertainty can be useful whether a
20 decision is to be made on an expected
21 value criterion, a regrets-based
22 criterion, or any other decision
23 criterion.
24 LCA's analysis provides information
25 that one could use for regrets-based

1 decision criterion, but our report
2 does not offer any recommendation on
3 such criterion."

4 Is it possible that there are two (2)
5 different ways to do an uncertainty analysis?

6 DR. ADAM BORISON: There are many ways.
7 Let me see if this helps a little further. As you
8 pointed out, I think there are -- there are two (2) --
9 and I think as I've mentioned, there are two (2) pieces
10 that could be different. One (1) is the numbers you
11 calculate, and the other is how you process those
12 numbers to come up with a recommendation.

13 And I think what LCA seems to be
14 focussing on is the second one, which is, Once I've got
15 the numbers, do I take an expected value, do I find the
16 maximum, the minimum? And that is absolutely correct,
17 that regret often takes a maximum/minimum kind of
18 approach.

19 But what I see that they are missing
20 here is the calculation of the numbers in the first
21 place. That's where -- that's the focus. My view is
22 that, having a quilt that has zeros for any alternative
23 in all scenarios is just not appropriate. Whatever
24 criterion you apply to that -- I can't -- there's no
25 criterion I can apply to a bunch of zeros to come up

1 with anything that's risky. Can't do it.

2 So my view is that the fundamental
3 calculation of getting -- the fundamental approach to
4 coming up with the numbers themselves, independent of
5 what I do after that to process them, which is ver --
6 fairly relevant, is just not what I would recommend.
7 That's the distinction.

8 So here, again, to repeat, they're
9 focussing on how I process the numbers. They seem to
10 have missed the fact these two (2) approaches are very
11 different just in terms of the basic numbers that are
12 calculated.

13 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: And my takeaway
14 from that, Dr. Borison, is that is your opinion that
15 where they write:

16 "Neither analysis is a regrets
17 approach to decision -- decision
18 making."

19 Do I understand that your opinion is
20 that's incorrect?

21 DR. ADAM BORISON: Again, I would
22 hesitate. People have different backgrounds. It is
23 certainly possible that in some back -- in some worlds,
24 when you say 'regret approach,' you are really
25 referring to, as I said, this mini/max or maxi/min

1 criterion. So I would hesitate to say -- to be too
2 strong about that, but what I would say is that, in my
3 experience, the way you calculate the numbers is a
4 critical piece of the approach you take, and that one
5 (1) -- the approach that was taken here is more
6 associated with the utility theory and the expected
7 utility approach and the other is more associated with,
8 and to me, a fundamental part of the regret approach.

9 So I don't know if that answers your
10 question directly, but that's -- that's how I would
11 phrase it. I -- I -- yeah, that's essentially what I
12 would -- how I would calculate it.

13 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: That -- that
14 assists us a lot. Thank you very much. Again, if I
15 understand it -- it's quite likely that I don't.

16 If I understand, it's -- one (1)
17 doctor's regret approach might not be another doctor's
18 regret approach?

19 DR. ADAM BORISON: Well, of course I --
20 yeah. You would not be surprised if I think my view is
21 the -- is the right one or the better one. Again, I
22 would -- I'd have to review the literature more
23 closely, but I do think that many people -- I do
24 believe that the -- the -- a fundamental part of the
25 regret approach is the fact that you try to calculate

1 regret. And so when LCA recommends, Calculate regret,
2 take the expected regret, or some other metric, I view
3 that as pretty close to the regret approach and that
4 they're recommending something like that.

5 So I -- I think -- that's -- in my
6 opinion, their approach is strongly recommending --
7 well, yeah, a regret-like approach, if we can call it
8 that. But it is -- it is essentially a regret -- a
9 regret view, where regret is again how you would have
10 done compared to something else you could have done.
11 And that's the essence of regret.

12 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: I tweaked the --
13 the last few words you said, that they are strongly
14 recommending. And I'm trying to square that with line
15 26 and 27 again on the page in front of you:

16 "LCA's analysis provides information
17 that one could use for a regrets-
18 based decision criterion, but our
19 report does not offer any
20 recommendation on such a criterion."

21 DR. ADAM BORISON: Again, we're getting
22 -- it's -- it's quite technical, and -- and certainly
23 stop me if you think we're going too far down that
24 path. As I said, I think -- and I'd be happy to have
25 this conversation directly with them. I -- I do think

1 that the essence of -- there -- there are these two (2)
2 distinct parts of doing an analysis. One is coming up
3 with a number for every alternative in every scenario.
4 The other is saying, Now that I have that quilt of
5 numbers, how do I process it to come up with an answer?
6 And they're basically saying, We didn't
7 -- on that processing part, we didn't recommend a
8 mini/max, maxi/min, some -- we didn't recommend some --
9 some approach to that. And they're saying, so we're
10 not recommending regret. I -- I understand they said
11 that.

12 But what they did say is -- the numbers
13 you calculate are only used, in my experience, when
14 someone is thinking about regret. Taking the expected
15 value of that -- of that -- take -- taking an
16 expectation of those numbers is essentially an
17 expectation of regret.

18 And so that's why I keep saying, even
19 though they do not like to call it that, they have
20 essentially been recommending the essence of a regret
21 approach. That's -- that's the -- and so I'm saying
22 the same thing many times, but that's -- that's my
23 view.

24 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: So a rose by any
25 other name is still a rose, and regardless of what they

1 say, it's a regrets approach?

2 DR. ADAM BORISON: I think it's
3 fundamentally that, but I also -- I also don't think
4 the wording -- the -- what they -- what one calls it I
5 don't think is the issue, right? It's -- it's, Is it
6 in fact sensical (phonetic) -- is -- that's a -- that's
7 a word -- sensible to have an alternative that has all
8 zeros in it?

9 What does that mean? What does it mean
10 to have any -- you could have put PDP. You could have
11 said, That's got all zeros and we're going to compare
12 regret to that. What is that? I mean, that -- to me,
13 whether -- whatever you call that doesn't make sense to
14 me.

15 Any alternative you choose has risk,
16 right? Even the All Gas alternative, if gas prices go
17 way up, we're not going to be happy, our customers
18 won't be happy. And we'd like an approach that
19 reflects that.

20 Any approach that puts zeros misses
21 that. And I -- again, and I'm not that concerned what
22 you call it. I call it regret. But I think that
23 particular vision, in my mind, doesn't quite match what
24 should be done.

25 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Okay. Thank

1 you.

2 MR. RICHARD BEL: Sorry. I was looking
3 at page 20. I'm getting confused on who's doing what.
4 So on page 20, lines 7 to 17, which is an extract from
5 something, it says -- it's talking about Manitoba
6 Hydro's approach. And the criticism La Capra's giving
7 is that the All Gas Plan is ruled -- ruled out, I
8 think, in that quote.

9 Am I correct? If you -- if you look at
10 this, page -- line 7 to 17, so who's using the -- the
11 all zeros? I think it's -- these guys are saying
12 Manitoba Hydro is. No?

13 DR. ADAM BORISON: No, no. The
14 confusion may be that when you do the expected utility
15 approach or similar approach, you have to have a fixed
16 base --

17 MR. RICHARD BEL: Right.

18 DR. ADAM BORISON: -- which in general,
19 although not always, is arbitrary because everything
20 can be moved by that. And in this work we chose the
21 base to be All Gas in the ref/ref/ref case, so there is
22 a zero in that matrix. There could have been a zero
23 somewhere else. We could have chosen something else as
24 the base, but there is a single zero in the -- in this,
25 which is a floor.

1 And again, you could think of this from
2 your perspective in making personal decisions. You
3 could make -- you could take your bank account and have
4 that as your base. You could take your bank account
5 and your house as having that as your base. You could
6 have zero as your base, and think about your
7 investments. And -- but the base isn't really the
8 issue. It's, How much does that change what I actually
9 own?

10 And, so here, the base is a single view
11 of the world, one (1) zero, All Gas ref/ref/ref, and
12 that could be moved around and it wouldn't make a
13 difference. In the approach that I believe LCA is
14 recommending, there is an entire column, which I think
15 typically was the All Gas one, that's all zeros, and
16 that is -- that is their recommendation, whatever we
17 want to -- I think, whatever we want to call it. Does
18 that help?

19 MR. RICHARD BEL: I think so.

20 DR. ADAM BORISON: Okay.

21 MR. RICHARD BEL: Thanks. Okay.

22 DR. HUGH GRANT: Can I pile in on this?
23 I find the regret versus utilitarian scenarios sort of
24 secondary to the sort of bigger issue around, how are
25 you going to get from expected values to, you keep

1 saying expected utility?

2 DR. ADAM BORISON: Yeah, sure. Right.

3 DR. HUGH GRANT: Quite a different
4 thing, and so clearly, we need some sort of assumption
5 about peoples' risk preferences, or we need to think as
6 a utility, or as a utility Board about how to translate
7 what's in the best interest of the public in terms, Are
8 they risk averse or risk takers?

9 Now, I would assume that most Hydro
10 consumers are risk averse, that they don't want to
11 gamble on a hundred dollar (\$100) bill one (1) week and
12 three hundred dollars (\$300) in, you know, the next.
13 They'd rather have -- lock in at some sort of more --
14 at a different rate.

15 So if that's, in fact, the case, is it
16 really sufficient in all of this analysis to just say
17 under the 10 percent -- percentile risk scenario, or
18 the 90 percent, you know, these are the best options?

19 DR. ADAM BORISON: Let me speak to
20 that, but I do think the -- and Joanne may want to
21 speak to that, as well. What -- the role that this
22 analysis played in the discussion we're having now is
23 around the economic evaluation. And additional work
24 was done to look at other issues in multiple accounts,
25 and financial evaluation, and understand those -- those

1 issues and exactly what you're saying. That customers
2 -- others may have different attitudes about risk, and
3 they don't want to have high rates. All those things
4 were touched upon elsewhere.

5 For this work, we were really trying to
6 understand largely what it makes -- what's -- you know,
7 what is the economic wealth being created? And as you
8 -- I'm sure you know, the theory there is more focussed
9 on expected value than expected utility, so even
10 showing S-curves, some people might say is
11 inappropriate because that's not how economics work.

12 But so, I completely agree with you.
13 What I'd say is, I don't believe this work was the be-
14 all and end-all of the understanding of what this might
15 do to various stakeholders in various cases, but I'll
16 defer to the -- to the -- Ed and Joanne.

17 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I'm not sure if
18 this is going to be helpful or not, but I'll try.
19 First of all, in terms of expected value, whether you
20 use the regrets approach or the utilitarian approach,
21 the expected value -- expected NPV doesn't change when
22 you look at the different between the plans, so you get
23 the same expected value.

24 It's when you start looking at the risks
25 in the P10s and the P90s that you start getting some

1 differences, and so when you're assessing risk and
2 you're assessing upside you want to be able to do that
3 properly.

4 But in the end, obviously the NP -- the
5 ref/ref/ref is the single scenario we place the most
6 importance on. It's our single best estimate of the
7 future. The expected value, what -- regardless of
8 which technique you use to calculate it, is a very
9 important one, because it takes into account the full
10 range of scenarios.

11 And then thirdly, from an economics
12 points of view, we look at the individual scenarios
13 that have risk to understand what's driving the risks
14 and the upsides, and you need to understand, obviously,
15 if export prices are high, these plans will do better,
16 if gas prices are low, these prices -- scenarios are
17 better. We all need to understand that, and I think we
18 have that.

19 So we take all of that information and
20 combine it with the other factors that we talked about
21 so many times, all those perspectives, and so you --
22 the utilitarian approach -- I'm not an expert on this
23 issue, but I -- but I'm -- by all the people who are
24 experts, I'm informed that the utilitarian approach
25 gives us the assessment of risk and uncertainty that is

1 more meaningful.

2 So I hope that helps.

3 DR. HUGH GRANT: Can I pose it this
4 way? Suppose an All Gas approach and some other plan
5 with Conawapa had identical sort of expected values but
6 the distribution of one was widely different from the
7 other. So let's suppose for the sake of
8 argument that Conawapa -- you roll the dice, it could
9 work out tremendously or it could be a disaster, but it
10 had the same sort of overall expected value as an All
11 Gas approach.

12 So would your advice in that situation
13 be to take the risk-averse approach, which would be the
14 All Gas, you know, to avoid those -- you know, the
15 outcome with the more extended S-curve, I suppose, is
16 my question?

17 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yeah. We've
18 actually thought a lot about that, as you need to when
19 looking at the future having -- and as it always has
20 had. I've been doing planning for twenty-five (25)
21 years, and -- and I studied resource planning -- or
22 system planning in my -- in my master's, and there's
23 always been huge uncertainty. So you have to deal with
24 that and focus on it.

25 So if you end up having a situation

1 where two (2) plans have the identical expected value
2 using the -- the weighted average cost of capital, so
3 what are the things we look at? First of all, it's not
4 that they give equal return. As we explained earlier
5 in this proceeding, if you have one (1) plan that has
6 much higher investment than the other, that in your
7 return on equity you're still going to get much more
8 return even though the weighted average NPV is the
9 same. So that's one (1) thing to keep in mind.

10 The second thing is we'd look at the --
11 the S-curve or the upside benefits, downside risks.
12 And in this case, Conawapa would have better upside
13 benefits and -- but the -- have a bigger risk than the
14 gas on the downside. I think that's your question.

15 In -- in that scenario, the first thing
16 we would look at is, if the downside risk happens,
17 could the Corporation survive, or is it -- is it
18 something that we're not going to be able to manage
19 that we can't mitigate somehow?

20 And so that is where we come into -- in
21 the Preferred Plan, we look and say -- and this is all
22 that discussion of learning yesterday -- if between now
23 and 2018 shale gas prices don't rise at all and stay --
24 and drop from where they are now, if they drop a dollar
25 and then stay at three fifty (3.50), and if none of our

1 export contracts we're negotiating work out, and if the
2 capital cost, well, let's just say go up or stay the
3 same -- excuse me -- we -- we in that -- we have an
4 opportunity to push it back or to not proceed with
5 Conawapa in that bad situation. So we -- there's a way
6 of managing that risk.

7 But we wouldn't stop there. We'd say,
8 We have to look at all the other perspectives and look
9 at it from a provincial point of view. This isn't just
10 the economics to Manitoba Hydro. This is a choice of
11 the future energy supply in Manitoba for generations to
12 come.

13 And you have to look at the overall
14 perspective. This isn't just a private investor
15 deciding to what to do as their next investment. And
16 so we're looking at the economics in the long-term.
17 We're looking at the risks. We have to look at the
18 other perspectives.

19 We've talked about reliability energy
20 security. We obviously have to look at the rates, as
21 well. And -- and our analyses do say in the long term
22 they rates are lower, but in the short term they're
23 higher, so we know there's a balance in there.

24 The transfers to the province are
25 significant. There's no question they're large. And

1 they -- those transfers do not help Manitoba Hydro.
2 But when you take the bigger society view in Manitoba,
3 the transfers are worth billion. And in the long run,
4 those are paid for out of the exports, not out of
5 domestic ratepayers.

6 In the -- in the short run, the domestic
7 ratepayers will be paying something more. But in the
8 long run, they'd be better off. And those billions of
9 dollars -- or 3/4 billion to \$1 1/2 billion NPV, that
10 comes from exports. And then we look at the
11 environmental benefits, the social benefits, the ones
12 to the communities, the -- the training, all of those
13 things that is done in the fourth (sic) panel where we
14 do the social benefit cost.

15 So when -- so the simple story is if
16 they have exactly the same expected value, as long as
17 we can manage the risk and we don't think it's an
18 unacceptable risk and we have all these other benefits,
19 you go with the thing that has all these other
20 benefits.

21 DR. HUGH GRANT: Can I just take that
22 one (1) step further, or maybe down another tangent?
23 Just following up what you just said about transfers
24 and payments and water rights and stuff, would it be
25 fair to say that Manitoba Hydro had never done a pure

1 economic evaluation per se, in that you look at a
2 market valuation, which is Hydro's perspective, and you
3 look at the impact on the government perspective of the
4 economy.

5 But at -- at any stage is there an
6 evaluation done to say, These are the total resources
7 being used and these are the benefits being generated
8 regardless of who receives the benefits? And I say
9 that because within the La Capra report, I think it
10 said that Manitoba Hydro rightly argues that water
11 rights are a pure income transfer. They're not a
12 proper cost. There's no benefit being delivered for
13 the payment.

14 And so if you take that out of the
15 analysis as not a cost, then the present values of all
16 these projects goes up -- goes up immensely, right?
17 And so, you know, I -- I think I would have wanted to
18 start with that pure analysis to say, Are these project
19 themselves attractive in terms of net present value?
20 Now let's talk about the distribution of the benefits
21 from those, whether it's going to water rights to the
22 province, or to ratepayers or such?

23 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Well, I -- I thank
24 you, panel member Grant, for that question and -- and
25 the -- and the Chair and -- and the rest of the panel.

1 I'm going to give you a very simple answer to that.
2 And that's at panel 4 (sic), we have that analysis.
3 And that's the social benefit cost analysis that is
4 being -- has been provided in the submission, will be
5 presented in panel 4 (sic).

6 And if I understood Dr. Grant's question
7 properly, I think that does provide that. And it
8 accounts for the transfers that are a benefit in the
9 long run to the Manitobans. It recognizes that, for
10 example, one of the adjustments is that a significant
11 amount of the employment from these projects are from -
12 - for Northern Aboriginal people, and -- and others in
13 Manitoba, but -- but specifically -- and there's a high
14 unemployment rate.

15 So whereas in the market valuation for
16 Manitoba Hydro, I don't know what the hourly rate is,
17 but I guess it doesn't matter, whatever the hourly rate
18 we've assumed, the -- one of the largest costs is
19 labour. So we call that total labour cost a cost to
20 Manitoba Hydro, which it is. But if you're taking
21 people who are unemployed or underemployed, and then
22 you're giving them a much higher salary, that amount is
23 actually a benefit to Manitoba and to Manitobans. And
24 so that is adjusted in this -- this analysis.

25 So that's one (1) example. So I think

1 the analysis you're referring to is that one. And it's
2 in Chapter 13 of the submission, and will be discussed
3 in the fourth (sic) panel.

4 DR. HUGH GRANT: Okay. I won't
5 belabour it now then, but my suggestion is that there's
6 never a proper economic evaluation of the project's
7 specific -- these are the specific costs and these are
8 the specific benefits. But I'll pursue it at that
9 time, I guess.

10 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yeah. Maybe just
11 one (1) more comment that may help with that, but we
12 can pursue it more then. When you say, "the specific
13 project," I think you might be talking about, say --
14 are you talking about the plan or are you talking about
15 the individual project, like let's say Keeyask or
16 Conawapa?

17 DR. HUGH GRANT: Just calculating the
18 net present value of the different plans. I guess my --

19 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Oh.

20 DR. HUGH GRANT: -- only point is that
21 La Capra says something that's actually, I think,
22 supportive of Hydro in the sense that they agree that
23 the water transfer rights and the capital tax are not a
24 true cost.

25 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: M-hm.

1 DR. HUGH GRANT: They're a distribution
2 in the sense of the benefits if you -- these projects--

3 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

4 DR. HUGH GRANT: -- are undertaken.

5 And so they shouldn't really be trea -- in a pure
6 economic evaluation that takes the actual resources
7 being used and the benefits being generated, you should
8 take those out. And then suddenly, because they're
9 quite substantial, suddenly the net present value of
10 all these projects rise significantly.

11 And I realize that the mark -- that's
12 not necessarily from Hydro's approach. They still have
13 to pay them, but yeah. But, yeah. But we'll -- we can
14 discuss that in --

15 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yeah. And that is
16 done in the social benefit one. And I might just add
17 something. There is a debate, a valid debate, on the
18 debt guarantee fee transfer, whether or not that is a
19 cost or whether it's a transfer, if we can
20 differentiate that way.

21 And in the social benefit cost analysis,
22 Dr. Shaffer did not include the debt guarantee fee
23 because of that. It's -- it's in between somewhere.
24 So to be conservative, he did not include that. And I
25 think that's consistent with what La Capra was

1 suggesting, and -- and we don't argue with that.

2 In our presentation here this week, we -
3 -that's why we deliberately took the -- the water
4 rental and capital taxes, the first adjustment, and
5 then we put in the debt guarantee fee to -- to
6 differentiate between them, but I -- I think we'll have
7 a -- a fruitful discussion in the fourth week.

8 DR. ADAM BORISON: If I -- if I could
9 add just one (1) brief comment. The issue of risk
10 aversion and utility, and again, at the risk of too
11 technical, what we have done actually, as if you seen,
12 I think, is there was an effort to not only calculate
13 the expected value and talk about those differences,
14 which are very stable, as we've said, but also to
15 attempt to represent the -- the range and the
16 uncertainty.

17 And, in fact, I believe -- I could find
18 the IR exactly -- there were presentations on the
19 efficient frontier. What is the risk return tradeoff
20 between the expected value and -- and the downside
21 risk, and if you did -- if you did -- did feel risk
22 averse, which would you chose, and there was a
23 discussion about Plan 10, Plan 5, versus Plan 14, and
24 relative values and risks.

25 So we certainly are aware that it's not

1 just the expected value, but you're right, we didn't go
2 as far to assess a -- a risk preference function and
3 apply that.

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Just an observation
5 that while -- while corporately, Manitoba Hydro has
6 addressed the downside risk, you know, the -- the plan
7 did not work out as expected, and -- and you've
8 invested significant dollars and -- and we're into a
9 negative present -- net present value scenario.

10 The reality is, the base reference case
11 from a ratepayer perspective is three point nine-five
12 (3.95) per year for the next twenty-one (21) years.
13 That's the base case. If it goes south, we're into a
14 zone where it's much more than three point nine-five
15 (3.95) per year.

16 So part -- I think part of what we need
17 to think about is What's the risk to the ratepayer?
18 Manitoba Hydro may be able to -- be able to cope with
19 it, but that suggests to me that the ratepayer has got
20 to be the one bearing the load.

21 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I agree 100 percent
22 with you. The -- the thing I would add to that, when I
23 talked about mitigating the risk by, for instance,
24 deferring Conawapa, that would also reduce the impact
25 on -- on the ratepayer as well. So I wasn't just

1 thinking of Manitoba Hydro's risk being mitigated, I
2 was also thinking about the ratepayer risk being
3 mitigated.

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: M. Monnin, s'il vous
5 plait?

6 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Merci, Messr.
7 President.

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9 CONTINUED BY MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN:

10 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: I'd like to use
11 a line from My Friend Mr. Williams, I just have a few
12 more short questions. Regretfully, these -- these next
13 pages are not in our book of documents. They can be
14 found in Manitoba Hydro Exhibit 85, and if I've done
15 this correctly this morning, I'm looking at page 177 of
16 192 should be where I would like to draw everyone's
17 attention.

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19 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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21 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Pardon me, which
22 page was that again, please?

23 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: It should be one
24 seventy-seven (177) of the -- of -- of Manitoba Hydro-
25 85. If you're looking at the Navigant report, if

1 you're looking at the top right-hand side, it should be
2 page 9 of 24, and if you're looking at the bottom
3 right-hand, it's page 6. We've got a page for
4 everyone.

5 And if you could scroll down to the
6 bottom of that page, please? And -- and where I'd like
7 to draw your attention is the -- the last sentence,
8 which reads as follows, "The discount rate reflects" --
9 sorry, the penultimate sentence:

10 "The discount rate reflects the
11 return at financial markets, both
12 debt and equity, required for the
13 type of investment in question. In
14 their book, 'Introduction of -- to
15 Corporate Finance', Booth & Cleary
16 simply state that..."

17 Now going to the next page:

18 "...discount rate is the estimate of
19 the required rate of return on the
20 project. This is distinct from the
21 use of discount rates in other
22 contexts to capture issues such as
23 stakeholder time preference."

24 In -- in this particular -- in that
25 statement, whose requirement is -- is being -- is being

1 met? Do you know?

2 Who -- who were you referring to?

3 MR. IAN PAGE: In that sentence, we're
4 referring to Manitoba -- the Manitoba Hydro
5 perspective, which is what we used when we were doing
6 the -- the simple economics. In practice, it's a
7 little cloudier than that because of the way Manitoba
8 Hydro operates. It's almost more of a co-op type of a
9 model.

10 So it -- while we're looking at it from
11 Manitoba Hydro's perspective, we're not bind to the --
12 the ratepayer's perspective, but we try to take -- to
13 take -- to more specifically look at the ratepayer's
14 percep -- perspective, but we try to take -- to take --
15 to more specifically look at the ratepayers' perce --
16 perspective when we're doing a financial analysis.

17 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Sorry, I have a
18 voice of God moment here. Who is -- who is speaking?
19 Oh, hello. Thank you. Thank you.

20 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: That was Mr. Page.

21 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Thank you, Mr.
22 Page. Thank you. That -- that's -- that helps. And
23 if you go to page 179, which would be page 11 of 24,
24 and the second paragraph in:

25 "This treatment of discount rate

1 uncertainty in the economic
2 evaluation is distinct from the
3 broader issue of discount rate
4 sensitivity analysis. Outside the
5 economic evaluation, it is certainly
6 possible to use different discount
7 rates to see how stakeholders with
8 different time preferences would
9 judge the alternatives."

10 This is in your report, Dr. Borison, so
11 I'll put the question to you. I'm not sure if you'll
12 provide the answer. Is it -- in your opinion, is this
13 something that Hydro has done as part of its business
14 case?

15 Have they fleshed out the potentially
16 varying perspectives for time value of money from
17 different stakeholders?

18 MR. IAN PAGE: Perhaps I can answer
19 that. Ian Page again. The -- as I mentioned, the
20 Manitoba Hydro perspective was the view that was taken
21 during -- in the financial evaluation. When we looked
22 at the -- the different stakeholders' perspectives,
23 that's -- that was the focus of the -- the other two
24 (2) major parts of the analysis.

25 So there's the -- the financial, which

1 is where we use that -- a pure time preference rate,
2 and then the multiple account analysis uses a broader
3 societal view of the -- an appropriate cost of capital.

4 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Thank you. One
5 (1) more question, and I mean that. Page 185 of this
6 particular document, which if I'm correct ought to be
7 page 17 of 24. And again, scrolling down to the bottom
8 of the page and the last sentence, which reads:

9 "In non-financial applications, these
10 outputs are generally more useful
11 than standard summary risk measures,
12 such as 10-90 ranges and standard
13 deviations."

14 In a 30,000 foot view, what is the --
15 the ten (10) -- what are these 10-90 ranges?

16 DR. ADAM BORISON: Sorry. The 10-90
17 range is typically -- it's called the, I think,
18 interdecile range. The 10-90 is the 10th percentile of
19 an uncertainty distribution, and the ninetieth is the
20 90th percentile.

21 So the 10-90 range is essentially what's
22 the width of this uncertainty distribution? And the
23 bigger -- the bigger that width, the more, in a sense,
24 risky people think it might be. The standard deviation
25 is really just another way of representing that width,

1 effectively.

2 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Okay. And do
3 you know, were these -- were these such standards some
4 of your risk measures calculated for the various
5 development plans presented in the business case?

6 DR. ADAM BORISON: I'll give you my --
7 my understanding. I think at several times in our --
8 in our discussions, these were, I think, calculated and
9 discussed. But our conclusion frankly, and I think
10 it's represented here, was they might not be the best -
11 - best measures to use in a risk-return context. But
12 that's -- I'll -- I'll defer to the others.

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14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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16 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: We, Manitoba Hydro,
17 looked at a wide range of metrics we could have
18 presented. And there was so much information that
19 could be presented, we focussed on what we thought was
20 just the most meaningful interpretation and the most --
21 pardon me -- the most meaningful metrics.

22 So if you go back, and as was -- we just
23 saw a few minutes ago in our summary tables, we
24 provided the ref -- the reference numbers, the refer --
25 reference scenario, we've provided the expected value,

1 and then we provided the P10 and P90 values.

2 We didn't focus on the difference
3 between P10 and P90. We actually presented the P10 and
4 the P90 values, and -- and one of the reasons is that
5 that, in our view, gives a better indication of risk
6 because if you just look at the amount of different
7 between P10 and 90, that isn't as useful as looking at
8 the individual components.

9 Now, why do I say that? That's because
10 when you -- you look at the -- the range, you can have
11 situations where a lot of that range is you've got an
12 expected value, and then you've got an expected value
13 and then you've got a large amount of upside.

14 So if you're going from an expected
15 value up to a high amount of upside, you can call that
16 risk, because it's uncertainty. But actually, that's
17 an upside risk, or a benefit and you have some
18 opportunity. And in our view, it's better to look at
19 the individual components, the downside risk, which is
20 the P10, and then the upside risk, which is -- pardon
21 me, the upside benefit, which is the P90, rather than
22 just taking the range, which doesn't tell you, is this
23 range due to a lot of variation in benefit or a lot of
24 variation in risk.

25 So we felt presenting the individual

1 P10s and P90s was more meaningful.

2 DR. HUGH GRANT: I think the -- the
3 concern here though is looking at the P10s and the
4 P90s. If we were a responsible PUB, what -- what
5 weights would we assign to the upside and the downside
6 risk? And I think the general consensus would be there
7 was a tendency towards risk aversion. And so we'd
8 probably give more attention to that P10.

9 I'm wondering if I could just get a
10 question in to Dr. Murphy. I know we may be missing
11 him, but I've been -- something I've been trying to get
12 my head around in terms of risk aversion, I suppose.
13 In some ways you could look at a large hydro project as
14 -- I'm thinking in a world where the greatest
15 uncertainty is around future energy prices. And so a
16 utility could undertake a large hydro project, which in
17 some ways guarantees them some certainty about their
18 own electricity costs into the future.

19 So let's say for the sake of argument
20 you could guarantee yourself a 3.95 percent, you know,
21 increase in rates. Now, I don't want to put you on the
22 spot, but is that a gamble -- would you rather play the
23 energy markets, or would you -- would you like to lock
24 in at 3.95 percent in -- in nominal dollar terms into
25 the future?

1 Like, do you understand -- I'm not asking
2 you if you play the futures market in -- in energy, but
3 is that the risk-averse approach, I mean, given the
4 uncertainty around energy prices?

5 DR. DEAN MURPHY: This is actually very
6 closely related to what Dr. Borison was discussing with
7 the utilitarian versus the regret approach. And it --
8 and it's a question of what is your reference point,
9 risk with respect to what? In the regret approach, and
10 -- and I'm not talking about the approach that was used
11 by LCA here, because I'm not familiar with that. But
12 in the regret approach you do take your reference point
13 as some particular -- some particular plan and how that
14 plan would have fared under this particular scenario.
15 So your reference changes from one scenario to another.

16 In the utilitarian approach your
17 reference point doesn't change. You always use the
18 same reference point. And so to your question, is a
19 hydro project less risky, once you get beyond the
20 capital cost uncertainty, which presents some risk, but
21 if we can put that aside for the moment, if you know
22 what a project is going to cost, then over time you
23 know what your energy costs will be.

24 And there's a -- a reasonable argument
25 to be made that this is -- once you're in that world,

1 you've committed to that, you've paid that cost, you
2 know what your energy prices will be over time. And
3 that is a lower risk strategy than, say, We're going to
4 go the All Gas route, put in a lot of gas plants, and
5 then we don't know what our cost will be over time,
6 because we don't yet know whether gas prices will be
7 high or low.

8 So I think there's a reasonable argument
9 to be made that locking in your energy prices through a
10 strategy that is not dependent on future outcomes of
11 fuel prices is lower risk in a sense. You do always
12 have to remember risk with respect to what. And -- and
13 I -- I think it's reasonable to -- to take a perspect -
14 - to take a perspective like that, because in -- in the
15 greater social perspective energy is just one (1)
16 piece, and a relatively small piece, of all the things
17 that we do as a society.

18 It's -- and -- and so to say that with
19 respect to all the things we do as a society, if I can
20 fix that piece by an initial large capital investment
21 that is followed by certainty, then that does lead to a
22 lower risk in a sense.

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24 CONTINUED BY MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN:

25 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: Merci, Messr.

1 President.

2 Dr. Borison, thank you very much for
3 your time and for your patience with my questions this
4 morning. That's it. Thank you. Thanks to everyone
5 else, as well.

6 THE CHAIRPERSON: Back to you, M.
7 Hacault.

8 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Strategy was
9 good, because counsel opposite only had a couple
10 questions, but the session lasted about an hour and a
11 quarter instead of about half an hour. In any event,
12 thank you.

13 MR. WILLIAM GANGE: Excuse me, Mr.
14 Hacault, it's Bill Gange back here. Mr. Chair, one of
15 the questions -- or one of the strategies was for --
16 for all counsel that might have questions of Dr.
17 Borison or Dr. Murphy. There is one little -- or one -
18 - one part that arises out of the -- the production of
19 the Brattle Group Report on CO2 emission displacement
20 that was -- that was circulated on Wednesday after our
21 cross-examination that Dr. Murphy has -- pardon me,
22 that Dr. Miller has a couple of questions arising out
23 of that.

24 So if I can just jump in before Mr.
25 Hacault, that would be appreciated.

1 THE CHAIRPERSON: Please do.

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3 CROSS-EXAMINATION CONTINUED BY DR. PETER MILLER:

4 DR. PETER MILLER: I'll try to be
5 brief. It was -- Dr. Murphy, maybe you could switch
6 places with...

7 MR. TERRY MILES: I'll just let Dr.
8 Murphy come to the front here so they can make eye
9 contact.

10 DR. PETER MILLER: Yeah.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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14 DR. PETER MILLER: Hello again. Your
15 report was presented in a PowerPoint format. Is there
16 an underlying report for that?

17 DR. DEAN MURPHY: The PowerPoint deck
18 that you have is the only report.

19 DR. PETER MILLER: That's the only
20 report, okay, thank you. Your modelling is based on
21 economic dispatch and generation replacement under
22 various societal conditions. And you argue that there
23 -- roughly thirty (30) years before the point eight-
24 five (.85) ratio, or tonnes of CO2 get reduced, I'm
25 going back to that footnote about how hydro

1 displacement might have no value perhaps at an earlier
2 stage if you had cap and trade in place.

3 I think the province's thinking was that
4 with cap and trade, you have a certain limit on
5 emissions in a region; and if hydro is not being
6 exported, they will have to meet that cap by some other
7 means. And therefore hydro display -- hydro will not
8 displace greenhouse gas emissions.

9 Could you comment on that prospect?

10 DR. DEAN MURPHY: I'm sorry, are you
11 referring to a particular footnote in the report?

12 DR. PETER MILLER: It was your comment
13 -- well, it's the overall approach of the measures that
14 you consider, which all cash out into a CO2 price.

15 DR. DEAN MURPHY: Yes.

16 DR. PETER MILLER: Okay, I'm -- it's
17 your general approach. Okay. And -- and the question
18 is -- and -- and you're trying to answer the question
19 of whether hydro exports would displace CO2 emissions
20 in the States.

21 DR. DEAN MURPHY: Yes

22 DR. PETER MILLER: And so I'm going to
23 one (1) of your assumptions about -- that it all
24 translates into an economic price of CO2. And
25 considering another prospect, namely cap and trade,

1 would that change the picture if a regional cap for CO2
2 emissions was established so that if they couldn't use
3 hydro to reach that cap, they'd have to find some other
4 means?

5 I'm suggesting that may be the thinking
6 behind the other report that we talked about.

7 DR. DEAN MURPHY: I did not look at
8 that question in particular in this study. But I am
9 familiar with the argument that under -- under
10 appropriate circumstances, if there is a cap and trade
11 system in place that is a firm cap and trade, i.e.,
12 it's not -- it -- it's not allowable to exceed the cap
13 under some circumstances, that qualitatively, the
14 argument is as follows, that if you've got a firm cap
15 and trade, then nothing that you do will change the
16 total CO2 emissions, the argument being that, If I
17 don't reduce emissions by this means, then I'll have to
18 reduce emissions by some other means, and I will always
19 find myself at that cap.

20 And, therefore, according to this
21 argument, there's no value to -- the -- there's no
22 value in terms of emissions reductions attributable to
23 any particular mechanism for reducing emissions. There
24 might be different costs associated with different
25 ones.

1 And I suppose that that approach has
2 some theoretical merit, but it does depend on some very
3 strong assumptions, for one, that the -- the cap is a -
4 - is a strict cap and -- and will be met and not
5 exceeded, or in -- won't -- not exceed in either
6 direction.

7 I -- I think most of the -- the -- it --
8 it depends a little bit about whether you're talking
9 about a cap on electric sector CO2 emissions or an
10 economy-wide cap, because those can push emissions from
11 one to the other.

12 I -- I suppose an argument could be made
13 that under a strict US cap and trade system, if that
14 system was sufficiently well designed to prevent all
15 leakage across international borders, that you'd use
16 this conceptual argument to say that, Well, any
17 reduction that Manitoba -- Manitoba Hydro's exports
18 into the US would cause in US CO2 emissions would just
19 be offset by an increase somewhere else so that the US
20 were to stay at the same overall cap.

21 And -- and under that scenario, the only
22 way to actually reduce emissions is to reduce the cap.
23 I -- I'm not sure if that addresses your question.

24 DR. PETER MILLER: Okay. Yes, that's
25 very good. And could you comment on the likelihood of

1 that regime occurring?

2 DR. DEAN MURPHY: By 'that regime', you
3 mean a -- a cap and trade system that would have those
4 properties?

5 DR. PETER MILLER: That you just
6 described, yes.

7 DR. DEAN MURPHY: That -- well, we -- a
8 -- a few years back in the US, I and others felt that
9 it was likely that we would get a cap and trade system,
10 an economy-wide cap and trade system that -- that might
11 have some of those properties, but that didn't pass.

12 And so, at some level, I suspect you're
13 asking me to do a political prognostication as to what
14 the form of future climate policy in the US may be. My
15 own personal view is that the sentiment has swung away
16 somewhat from cap and trade and perhaps more toward
17 putting a price on carbon through a tax or a fee.

18 As an economist, I think that's a good
19 thing, because I think it would be more effective and
20 more efficient, and -- and would lead to either greater
21 -- greater emissions reductions or greater economic
22 efficiency of a given level of emissions reductions,
23 so.

24 But in the end, I can't say what kind of
25 climate policy will be passed in the US. That -- that

1 remains an uncertainty.

2 DR. PETER MILLER: Thank you for that.

3 One (1) other question. You are, no doubt, familiar
4 with Nicholas Stern, a British economist?

5 DR. DEAN MURPHY: Yes, the Stern
6 Report.

7 DR. PETER MILLER: Yes. And just this
8 brief quote:

9 "Climate change is a result of the
10 greatest market failure the world has
11 seen. The evidence on the
12 seriousness of the risks from
13 inaction or delayed action is now
14 overwhelming. The problem of climate
15 change involves a fundamental failure
16 of markets. Those who damage others
17 by emitting greenhouse gases
18 generally do not pay."

19 You're familiar with that?

20 DR. DEAN MURPHY: I am familiar with
21 that, yes.

22 DR. PETER MILLER: When you talk about
23 the economic dispatch of -- of generation or capital
24 investments in new generation, that economics that
25 plays in the -- in the marketplace does not include

1 these externalities?

2 DR. DEAN MURPHY: Unless you've got a -
3 - and the appropriate carbon price, which is the way of
4 internalizing those externalities. In the -- in the
5 situation we are in now, where there is no carbon
6 price, it's true, there are externalities. There are
7 harm to others that are done by the burning of fossil
8 fuels that is not paid by the parties that are burning
9 those fossil fuels.

10 DR. PETER MILLER: And have you done
11 any research, or your firm, on what would be an
12 appropriate carbon price or -- or other way of
13 internalizing that cost?

14 DR. DEAN MURPHY: I have not directly
15 try -- myself tried to put a social value on carbon. I
16 am aware of a number of studies that -- that attempt to
17 do that, and they come up with widely varying numbers.

18 The -- the US administration recently --
19 as an example of one of those studies, the US
20 administration recently updated its social cost of
21 carbon, which the federal government uses in its own
22 planning -- the US federal government uses in its own
23 planning to determine the -- the costs of various
24 alternatives. So they impute a cost to carbon
25 emissions.

1 And they calculated this cost of carbon
2 under several different sets of assumptions. And I
3 don't recall the precise results, but I do recall that
4 the -- it was either a median or an average of some of
5 the scenarios they looked at was approximately forty
6 (40) -- forty-three (43) or perhaps it was forty-seven
7 dollars (\$47) per tonne of carbon as the social cost of
8 carbon.

9 That -- the answer that you get to an
10 analysis like that depends on a number of things. One,
11 what do you -- which costs do you count because there
12 are many, and it's difficult to ensure that you've
13 counted them all.

14 Another is -- that's very important is
15 the discount rate that you apply, because much of the
16 cost of carbon emissions will come relatively far in
17 the future, and your choice of discount rate can have a
18 big effect on -- on the current value of emitting a
19 tonne of carbon. I've seen values well over a hundred
20 dollars (\$100). I've seen other calculations that put
21 it in single-digit dollars, at least in the near term.

22 DR. DEAN MURPHY: Thanks for that.

23 MR. BILL HAMLIN: This is Bill Hamlin.
24 I could just supplement that for the multiple accounts
25 analysis, it was based on a -- on an assumption of

1 forty dollars (\$40) a tonne CO2 in 2014, rising to
2 eighty dollars (\$80) a tonne by 2048. And -- and those
3 -- those estimates were based on -- on both the
4 Environment Canada and the US federal government's
5 social cost of carbon.

6 DR. DEAN MURPHY: And if I might add
7 just one (1) more point. Your question earlier about
8 the -- the externalities and whether the cost of carbon
9 is included in -- in our dispatch, as I say I've seen a
10 number of studies of the social cost of carbon.
11 They've come up with a wide range of results. I have
12 not seen one that has come up with a zero. But that's
13 the price that we are currently putting on carbon in
14 the -- in the market.

15 DR. PETER MILLER: Thank you for that.
16 Dr. Borison, this may be redundant, but would you agree
17 that these larger externality costs should be included
18 in the expected utility approach?

19 DR. ADAM BORISON: Yeah, I may have a
20 personal opinion. I'm not sure that I would -- could
21 make a -- could state that in some -- on some
22 principle. Well, I guess what I'd say on principle is
23 that the stakeholders involved, whether they be the --
24 the Board here or others, need to determine what the
25 factors are they want to consider.

1 And if the social cost of carbon was one
2 (1) of those factors, then, yes, that should be
3 included. But I would say probably -- I would -- I
4 would hesitate to basically tell you or anyone
5 precisely which factors should be included.

6 DR. PETER MILLER: Oh, so you're --
7 you're not talking about utiles in general but only
8 those that -- the subset that are selected by whoever?

9 DR. ADAM BORISON: I guess if I could
10 speak on economic principles, just like Dr. Murphy, it
11 is -- it is clearly true that an economist would say
12 that any impact that is created for -- for the world
13 that is not paid for through market mechanisms is
14 appropriate. It's appropriate -- appropriate to
15 include that in one's analysis, and I would extend that
16 to all such effects that the idea of internalizing
17 externalities is a fundamental principle underlying
18 much of economics.

19 So to that extent, I -- I would say yes.
20 But again, the specifics of which ones should be
21 included and what prices should be associated with
22 those is beyond my particular area here.

23 MR. KURT SIMONSEN: Mr. Chair, Kurt
24 Simonsen here. I just remind all parties that it's
25 10:30, and we do have to accommodate Mr. Hacaault as

1 well and the others with respect to their cross of this
2 panel. So if I could ask Peter Miller as to how much
3 time he has left.

4 DR. PETER MILLER: I'm done, thanks.

5 MR. KURT SIMONSEN: Thank you.

6 THE CHAIRPERSON: Unfortunately for M.
7 Hacault, it is time for a break. So I suggest we take
8 ten (10) minutes and then Mr. Hacault will resume his -
9 - his questioning. Thank you.

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11 --- Upon recessing at 10:31 a.m.

12 --- Upon resuming at 10:45 a.m.

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14 THE CHAIRPERSON: I believe we're ready
15 to resume the proceedings. Any documents to
16 acknowledge before we start?

17 MS. MARLA BOYD: I have no documents,
18 but I do have one (1) matter to attend to. Mr. Bowen
19 has a matter to clarify with respect to page 1,454 of
20 the transcript. If I could just turn the mic over to
21 him, he can just deal with one (1) small issue.

22 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Bowen...?

23 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Sure. I'd like to
24 clarify the record. So line 6 and 7 from page 1,454
25 indicated that -- I -- I indicated that, to the best of

1 my knowledge, there's no sunk costs for the equipment,
2 construction equipment, to our conversation back on
3 Monday.

4 There is some costs included in the --
5 in the analysis. That sunk cost amount is -- is \$10
6 million.

7 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you for that.

8 M. Hacault, s'il vous plait?

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you.

10 Merci, Messr. President.

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12 CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. ANTOINE HACAULT:

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: The -- the first
14 area, and I hope it's going to be fairly quick as a
15 result of a new exhibit that was filed by Manitoba
16 Hydro, is the issue of including common costs in the
17 economic analysis.

18 So, Dr. Borison, are you -- are we all
19 in agreement that common costs should be excluded for
20 the purpose of the analysis?

21 DR. ADAM BORISON: Yes, but may I
22 clarify slightly, or expand slightly? Sorry. I'll say
23 yes. That's fine. I'll say yes.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And I'm trying to
25 see whether I can deal with this in a fairly expedited

1 matter (sic). If we turn to our book of documents, and
2 in particular pages 5 -- starting at page 5, this is an
3 extract from Appendix 9.3 of Manitoba Hydro's
4 documents, correct?

5 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

6 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And if we look at
7 the top column, this is an extract of a table that
8 deals with the All Gas Plan and shows out the numbers
9 that get used in -- in that analysis, correct?

10 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And we have done
12 specific costs. If we go down the top -- or to the top
13 titles, there's -- oh, no. Top. You were okay,
14 document management person. Capital taxes.

15 Those capital taxes are specific to the
16 units that would be put in place for gas, correct?

17 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So that's an
19 example of choosing a particular cost and seeing what
20 it's going to be for that particular option, and not
21 including the common costs of the entire system,
22 correct?

23 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Another example
25 of that is the next column on the top. We've got fixed

1 O&M, and again that fixed O&M, as -- as I understand
2 it, is very specific to the gas pathway, correct?

3 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

4 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: The one (1) thing
5 that -- unrelated to the gas would have been if we go
6 further to the right, there's a water rental column,
7 correct?

8 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Would I be
10 correct that that's one (1) of the items that was taken
11 out in the new quilt that was provided as Exhibit 104-
12 2?

13 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct.
14 There's several items. I could --

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay.

16 MR. TERRY MILES: -- just qualify
17 those.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah. If you can
19 just list the common costs that you excluded in the new
20 analysis that forms part of Exhibit 104, then we'll go
21 to Exhibit 104-2.

22 MR. TERRY MILES: Okay.

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24 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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1 MR. TERRY MILES: Okay, sorry about
2 that. Just -- so just to clarify. The costs that were
3 there not -- aren't necessarily an exclusion of the
4 costs. But when we did the comparative for the -- the
5 uncertainty analysis, the costs related to export
6 revenues as -- as represented in the All Gas -- the
7 base case, or the reference case, import costs as
8 represented in the All Gas case are purchases in the
9 All Gas case, thermal burn costs associated with the
10 All Gas case, as well as water rental costs associated
11 with the All Gas case were essentially subtracted or
12 removed from all of the plans. And in doing so, then
13 those costs that are common amongst those -- amongst
14 the plans are, in essence, accounted for.

15 So -- so by -- by doing that, in
16 essence, that removes the water rental cost, if you
17 will, from the analysis of the All Gas Plan that aren't
18 associated with the All Gas Plan or the incremental
19 additions of the -- of the All Gas Plan.

20 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. On this
21 particular slide, they were all ref/ref/ref. That's at
22 the right-hand side of the table.

23 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And we see energy
25 price, discount rate, and capital costs. So did you

1 conduct that same exercise -- when you're saying you
2 removed them, did you remove them at the different
3 levels also?

4 MR. TERRY MILES: No, we did not, only
5 for the ref/ref/ref case, because as you go to the
6 different levels, there may be operational changes that
7 happen for the All Gas Plan that don't happen for other
8 plans just by the nature of the resources that are in
9 that plan.

10 So if you change costs in the All Gas
11 Plan, you may change how you operate the hydro system.
12 You may change the water rentals that are there. You
13 may change the burn costs associated with how you
14 operate other resources. So those incremental costs
15 weren't necessarily changed.

16 But from the ref/ref/ref case, those
17 ones associated just with the base case of comparison,
18 in essence, were subtracted out before we did the NPV.
19 So previously what had happened, as we would take all
20 of these costs, we would NPV all of these costs and
21 revenues for all plans and then take the differences.

22 So what we have done now is that we've
23 subtracted those costs before we do the NPVs. And --
24 and, in essence, I think some of the concerns with
25 having those common costs in the NPVs are now removed.

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. Thank you.
2 If the document management person could go to Exhibit
3 104-2, Manitoba Hydro Exhibit 104-2. And in
4 particular, and I'm not too sure how we're going to do
5 this on the screen, what was provided in this document
6 at page 4 of 7...

7 Can you do a screen split, document
8 management person? Page 4 and 6. We've got two (2)
9 quilts. Well, if people have the paper copy, maybe we
10 can start until it shows up on the screen. Page 4 of
11 7, if we go to the upper left-hand corner, so that's
12 low, low, and high capital costs, that area, and rough
13 costs and low costs, we see it's -- it's all red on
14 page 4 of 7.

15 We start at minus 4 billion something
16 for the high capital costs, 3 billion approximately for
17 the rough costs -- capital costs, and a little bit over
18 2 billion for the low capital costs.

19 I'll just maybe wait. I think Mr.
20 Chairman hasn't found that yet.

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22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So we're at page
25 4 of 7.

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And we were
4 looking at the top right-hand corner. We see the --
5 the red, 4 billion, 3 billion, and 2 billion going down
6 in the top left-hand corner.

7 And then if we keep the other schedule -
8 - or page 6 of 7, it's the same quilt, except the
9 revision on common factors, correct?

10 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct.

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So comparing
12 these two (2) quilts shows us the methodol -- the
13 change as a result of the method in taking out the
14 common costs, correct?

15 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So if we look at
17 the -- the top corner that I had mentioned on page 6,
18 we see that the All Gas Plan, which was 4 billion to
19 the bad, so we had a line that went really extremely,
20 if we're doing an -- an S-curve, to the left.

21 Now that S-curve changes significantly,
22 I would say, by about \$3 billion, correct?

23 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And if we look at
25 the low energy prices, low discount rate, and ref, and

1 compare those two (2), we're comparing 3 billion to the
2 negative down to 68 million.

3 So nearly a change of \$3 billion by the
4 change of methodology, correct?

5 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

6 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So that our S-
7 curve changes significantly and the downside in that
8 particular box changes also significantly, correct?

9 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

10 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And if we can
11 bring down and look, for example, at ref. So if we
12 could bring both documents up, but the reference energy
13 prices. And a higher discount rate, which is the
14 second column, and we go to the extreme right. So
15 reference energy price, high discount rate, we go to
16 the extreme right.

17 In one (1) case, being before the
18 change, we're showing -- at the high capital costs
19 we're expecting 268 million on the Preferred
20 Development Plan, correct? Have we found that?
21 Reference energy prices, high discount rate, high
22 capital costs. It shows up in white.

23 MR. TERRY MILES: Yes.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And then if we do
25 the same line with the new methodology, the Preferred

1 Investment Plan moves from a positive of 268 million to
2 a negative of 1 billion.

3 Do you see that?

4 MR. TERRY MILES: Yes, I see that.

5 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So not only with
6 respect to the Gas Plan does the S-curve change and the
7 extremes change; those curves also change, or the
8 Preferred Plan, when we're changing the discount rate,
9 correct?

10 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: They will change for
11 all the plans, but you might -- on a parallel path
12 there if you go back to your low energy prices, low
13 discount rate, high capital cost, where we saw in the
14 top right corner for -- left corner for All Gas the 4
15 billion -- minus 4 billion, minus 3 billion, minus 2
16 billion, would be reduced to ten sixty-two (1062) minus
17 sixty-eight (68) and plus seven thirty-four (734).

18 In the same analysis you also see with
19 respect to the Preferred Plan numbers of firstly minus
20 twenty (20) -- on the extreme right in the far column,
21 the minus twenty-eight forty-one (2841) become plus one
22 forty (140). You see minus fourteen ten (1410) become
23 plus one billion, five seventy-one (1,571,000,000).
24 You see minus two ninety-two (292) become plus twenty-
25 six eighty-nine (2689).

1 So when you look at the S-curves
2 compared to one another, you actually see greater
3 upside potential out of the Hydro Plan than you did in
4 the original analysis. You see lower downside risk for
5 all the plans as we -- as we have stated in -- in the
6 document, except the Preferred Plan, but the expected
7 values still remain the same. So it's really about the
8 distribution of the -- the risk in the plans.

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And that's a very
10 good point, and if we look at page 6 of 6 and compare
11 it to page -- oh, sorry, 6 of 7 -- keep the same pages,
12 document manager -- the worst outlook for the Preferred
13 Development Plan was actually on page 4 of 7 in the top
14 right-hand corner, which was low energy prices, low
15 discount rates, and then varying levels of capital
16 cost.

17 That was the worst that that quilt was
18 showing us, correct? That -- that particular
19 combination, because we went down to 2.8 billion was
20 the maximum negative values? And it's in that top
21 corner that we see that happening on page 4 of 7.

22 Are you following me so far?

23 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: But if we go to
25 page 6 of 7, when we change the methodology, the quilt

1 is telling us something else. It's actually in a
2 different box where we're having this general
3 aggregation of negative results.

4 It's still in the low energy prices, but
5 the box has switched from low discount rates to high
6 discount rates. So if we do the high discount rates,
7 the quilt is telling us with the revised methodology
8 that that's the riskier area, correct?

9 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: That is -- that is
10 the -- the combination of low energy prices, high
11 discount rates, and high capital costs is yielding the
12 lowest net present value for the Preferred Plan, yes.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And you agree
14 with me that the change in methodology leads to a quilt
15 that tells us a different story as to what's the
16 highest risk area, correct?

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18 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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20 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes, it does.

21 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Could I just -- I'm
22 -- I'm -- just make a comment, and -- and I think this
23 is a good expiration (sic) and -- and an important one.
24 I think the inclusion from the last little sentence was
25 that the Preferred Plan -- using the changed

1 methodology, the Preferred Plan risk increases as we
2 just talked about.

3 If you look at the All Gas Plan --
4 pardon me, if you look at the Keeyask/Gas/750 Plan, the
5 opposite happens, whereas on page 4, your -- your most
6 extreme risk was under low energy prices, low discount
7 rate, high capital cost. It was minus two eight five
8 five (2,855), nearly \$3 billion.

9 And when you go to the new methodology
10 on page 6, it becomes positive one twenty-seven (127),
11 but you -- your highest risk under Keeyask/Gas is now
12 one thousand (1,000) -- minus one thousand eighty-nine
13 (1,089), which is almost \$2 billion less. So the
14 Keeyask/Gas/750 Plan becomes much less risky from that
15 point of view, although there is an increase in the
16 Preferred Plan.

17 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. And I
18 -- and I'm a pretty visual guy, so I look at those S-
19 curves and see how all this numbering kind of relates
20 to how we -- where we switch and how the S-curve kind
21 of switches.

22 So if we look on page 5 of 7, and 7 of
23 7...

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(BRIEF PAUSE)

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I think she's
2 getting there. Okay. Just stop there, document
3 manager. A -- a little bit higher up. I want to see
4 the green line prominently on the screen for both
5 plans. So that -- the top S-curve was the old
6 methodology, or, say, the previous methodology, which
7 included common costs, correct?

8 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: It is the original
9 one, yes.

10 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Which included
11 some common costs, correct?

12 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Included some of
13 them, yes.

14 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. Now, the
15 bottom one is the revised calculations, excluding
16 common costs as described by Mr. Miles, correct?

17 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes, with the
18 recalculation.

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. So we see
20 that gas moves a little bit to the right, and that's
21 the All Gas. That's the blue line. But what this
22 redefined methodology is telling me, and I want to know
23 whether you agree, is that at the top of this S-curve,
24 there's a significant benefit that's being illustrated
25 compared -- when we look at your revised calculation,

1 the green goes way far to the right as compared to the
2 old calculation. So there's more upside to the
3 Preferred Plan under your revised calculation.

4 Do you agree with that?

5 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: I agree with that.
6 I think I heard you say that the All Gas moves to the
7 right, but in fact, it moves to the left.

8 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. So the gas
9 doesn't move as much, so we don't see -- I -- I don't
10 know if -- if -- where Dr. Grant -- he knows how to
11 read these better than I do, but it -- you're right, it
12 -- it's not as far to the right, so we don't have as
13 much benefit and the S-curve isn't as pronounced,
14 correct?

15 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Correct.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Now, if we look -
17 - and if the document manager can bring the bottom of
18 the graph in both pages? Focussing firstly on the gas,
19 which is the blue line, we see that the former
20 calculation depicted a very extreme low side to the gas
21 plan when we included the common costs.

22 It goes past the \$6 billion range,
23 correct?

24 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: I'm sorry. Could
25 you just repeat the last part?

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. The
2 original calculations for the All Gas show an extreme
3 downside going past the \$6 billion mark, correct?

4 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes.

5 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And with the
6 revised calculation which takes out these common costs,
7 it moves somewhere between the 4 billion and \$2 billion
8 mark, correct?

9 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes.

10 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So that on the
11 downside, gas with the revised calculation now appears
12 to be less risky.

13 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Definitely less
14 risky than was -- was say -- was shown in the original.

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah. Thank you.
16 The only other area which I'd like to explore with
17 respect to this calculation is whether the discount
18 rate really tells us much about the cost of interest on
19 the \$6 billion capital project of Keeyask, for example.

20 So at page 8 of our book of documents,
21 we'll see firstly that the top left-hand corner, if
22 people are making notes, is Keeyask19/C25, so that's
23 the Preferred Development Plan, correct?

24 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes, it is.

25 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And in that

1 Preferred Development Plan, if we go across the top of
2 the document, we see the heading "Keeyask GS."

3 Do you see that?

4 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes.

5 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And under that,
6 there are costs that start at 2014 and continue to
7 2021, correct?

8 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes.

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: There are no
10 costs after that, and am I right in understanding that
11 when you put the costs in that particular column,
12 they're the base capital costs of constructing the
13 facility?

14 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: The changing of
16 turbines and -- in thirty (30) or forty (40) years,
17 whenever those would need to be changed, are taken into
18 account in the column that's further to the right,
19 which is entitled, "Fixed O&M."

20 Is that correct?

21 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct.

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So now, if we can
23 go to the bottom of that chart, we see that this
24 particular chart has a present PV at -- done at 5.05
25 percent.

1 That's in the bottom left-hand corner,
2 correct?

3 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

4 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And the -- that
5 results in -- and you'll have to take my word that
6 that's the proper column, in a two point eight-five-
7 seven (2.857) present value number for Keeyask
8 construction costs, correct?

9 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct.

10 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Now, the one (1)
11 thing I want to see is, if we flip to the next slide,
12 we -- present value at three point zero-five (3.05) if
13 we go to the bottom of that chart.

14 So we're still in the Preferred Plan,
15 correct?

16 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct. Just
17 -- you meant -- three point three-five (3.35) I have on
18 the page here. Is that --

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah, three point
20 three-five (3.35) --

21 MR. TERRY MILES: Okay.

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: -- in the bottom
23 left-hand side. So we're still in the same plan, but
24 what we're doing is we're looking at what happens when
25 we do -- we present value the investment at 3.35

1 percent, correct?

2 MR. TERRY MILES: Correct.

3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And what that
4 does is it gives us a present value of \$2.939 billion
5 for the construction costs of Keeyask, correct?

6 MR. TERRY MILES: Correct.

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So there's about
8 a hundred million, not quite, of difference between the
9 two (2).

10 It's a bit lower, correct?

11 MR. TERRY MILES: About 80 million,
12 yeah.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Eighty million.

14 MR. TERRY MILES: Yeah.

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And, yeah,
16 I'm just used to rounding numbers here, because Mr.
17 Wojczynski says a hundred thousand is just dust.

18 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: A hundred million.

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah, I'd say a
20 hundred thousand. I'm not even used to the millions
21 yet.

22 So let's keep those two (2) in mind, and
23 then if we look at the next slide, which is continuing
24 the Preferred Development Plan, correct? It's on page
25 10 of our document book if you look on the top left-

1 hand side.

2 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yeah.

3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And if we go to
4 the bottom, what's done is we now have present value,
5 but at a percentage rate of 6.5, correct?

6 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And that leads to
8 a -- a present value for the construction costs of
9 Keeyask at \$2.81 billion, correct?

10 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And that's about
12 \$47 million difference from the ref. The ref case was
13 two point eight-five-seven (2.857), correct?

14 MR. TERRY MILES: That's correct, yes.

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So I was pretty
16 naive when I -- doing some property valuations and
17 stuff like this. You think, Well, you're changing your
18 rates from -- you know, by a -- a certain percentage.
19 I thought there would have been a lot more difference.

20 Can you explain why we don't see much of
21 a difference, even though we change our percentage on
22 the PV calculation? Why is it so tight?

23 You know, if I was paying 6.5 percent on
24 a debt for that time period, up to 2090, I would expect
25 to see a lot more interest being paid.

1 Does discount and interest necessarily
2 coincide, or do we have to be careful?

3 MR. IAN PAGE: I can answer that, Mr.
4 Hacaault. I think it's important to understand the
5 difference between the financial and the economic
6 analysis. The economic analysis is looking at things
7 from a pure cash basis. Our discount rate is inherent
8 -- has inherently built within it our interest rates,
9 so it does -- so there is, in effect -- there is a one
10 (1) for one (1) correlation in that way.

11 Why -- when you are looking at the
12 present valuing, you're saying, What's -- a -- a cash
13 flow that's only a few years out, and you're saying,
14 Well that's -- because a dollar today is worth more
15 than a dollar tomorrow, there's not very many tomorrows
16 away, so it -- it doesn't change very much. If you
17 look at the difference on the -- on some of those other
18 columns, you'll see very large differences.

19 So when you're looking at a present
20 value, you're looking at the difference today. When
21 you're looking at it from the financial perspective,
22 really, what you're looking at is once you -- you add
23 the financing effects. What you're going to be looking
24 at is not from today's perspective, but from the point
25 of view in that year, or in the year subsequent to the

1 project being built, because there's no interest --
2 these -- if I look -- if you just scroll up a little
3 bit here, you'll see that there's cash flows for
4 Keeyask. They -- they start in 2014, whereas if you
5 were looking on the financials there -- there'd be no
6 finance expense on that until it went into service in
7 2019/'20.

8 So the cash flows are -- are treated
9 sooner in the economic analysis, and -- and they're
10 viewed from today's perspective. In the financial
11 they're looked at -- they're looked at from the
12 perspective of the ratepayer, and the ratepayer doesn't
13 see those expenses until after the project is built
14 rather than before, and they'll -- and they will see
15 those -- those interest expenses going for a long time.

16 So on the financial perspective in -- in
17 the trailing years out, you'll see quite a big
18 difference in those years, but it is -- does -- does
19 reflect the same -- exact same cost of capital in both
20 cases.

21 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I think Dr.
22 Borison had something he wanted to explain to the panel
23 also, so if you could -- if you've got a different way
24 to try and explain that to the panel, go ahead, sir.

25 DR. ADAM BORISON: Yes, I think -- I

1 think this might help. First, I should say that I did
2 -- Dr. Grant, I -- I did find a reference to the use of
3 -- of hyperbolic discounting. It is, in fact, true
4 that the UK treasury requires, I believe that's the
5 right term, the use of -- of treatment of discount rate
6 uncertainty for long-term investments, investments that
7 are more than thirty (30) years, and they refer to a
8 document to support that which, in fact, uses the term
9 'hyperbolic discounting'.

10 So in fact, there is, surprisingly
11 enough, some actual regulatory support for this very
12 idea. So I -- I just wanted to mention that, because I
13 think what we're talking about here is really discount
14 rates, discount rate uncertainty, what does that really
15 do? And the -- the point I was -- I wanted to make
16 specifically in this context is that what you're seeing
17 in Keeyask and in any particular column here is the
18 impact on, let's say, one (1) investment occurring over
19 some period of time.

20 But what the discount rate uncertainty
21 is attempting to do is to say, Over the long run, what
22 will be the effect of a -- a change in the view that
23 people have with the return they require on capital?

24 And so you apply that over the entire --
25 to all cash flows over the entire time frame, and what

1 you're saying here is, What would it mean if -- to our
2 entire plan over many, many years, if we decided that,
3 in fact, the return we require on -- on some investment
4 is lower or higher?

5 And again, that's a -- this is -- this
6 is, in fact, as I understand it, what people recommend
7 doing for long-term investments to reflect these long-
8 term issues. So the effect you see, again, just to
9 repeat, the overall effect on the entire plan is not
10 simply the effect of the capital required to build a --
11 a dam, but essentially, all the cash flows for the
12 entire time frame, or the effect is much more
13 significant.

14 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: First, there
15 aren't any investment or loan terms that we could buy
16 today that bring us to 2090, correct?

17 MR. IAN PAGE: Could you repeat that?

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: You -- you can't
19 go out in the market and say, I want to borrow \$6
20 billion and I want to fix the rate until 2090.

21 You can't get that on the market,
22 correct?

23 MR. IAN PAGE: That's probably more
24 appropriate for next week's panel, but to the best of
25 my knowledge, no.

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And would you
2 agree then, if -- if I -- if I was looking at discount
3 rates in an economic analysis to say, Well, what's the
4 impact of interest if interest goes up to 6 or 7
5 percent on the weighted average of my cost, this
6 analysis really doesn't tell me much about my ongoing
7 interest costs for the project. It -- it takes a
8 different perspective of -- of the analysis. It's an
9 economic perspective.

10 MR. IAN PAGE: It -- it does. You
11 could -- if you really wanted to, you could get some --
12 try to get a -- a similar approach at the economics and
13 the financial, you could calculate future values rather
14 than present value, so you're looking at it from the
15 other end of the cashflow stream rather than the -- the
16 front end.

17 It's -- it's not all that helpful in
18 terms of a -- an investment decision today, because I
19 don't think any of us are going to want to wait seven
20 (7) to eight (8) years to assess whether we should do
21 something or not.

22 So -- but in terms of the interest rate
23 sensitivity, if you look at the present values of -- of
24 the entire cash flow streams, not just the -- of the
25 Conawapa or Keeyask columns, you will see quite a big

1 difference between them on -- around -- on the -- at
2 the different interest -- at the different discount
3 rates which do represent different forecast ranges of
4 interest rates.

5 DR. HUGH GRANT: Could I -- could I
6 interject on this, because I think I had the same sort
7 of sense when I looked at the very -- with Conawapa,
8 say, the Preferred Development Plan, I was surprised
9 how seemingly insensitive the net present value was to
10 pretty big variations in the discount rate, and
11 because, you know, you initially think that whenever
12 you have a project with a large capital outlay at the
13 beginning, then -- then a high discount rate is going
14 to make that -- well, the discount rate is going to be
15 very important to the outcome.

16 But is it -- is -- part of the issue is
17 that a lot of the expenditures from Conawapa are coming
18 fifteen (15) years out, and so they're being -- they
19 end up being discounted fairly heavily in any event.
20 So I guess I'm thinking it's a more discount rate
21 neutral than you might expect because the -- these big
22 capital outlays aren't happening in period zero.
23 They're happening in per -- you know, 2015, and -- and
24 out some distance in the future.

25 MR. IAN PAGE: Yes. The cash flows

1 that are most sensitive to -- to discount rates are the
2 ones that happen quite a ways further out, and on those
3 -- if you see the production costs, like the export
4 revenues and the thermal costs, and stuff vary -- vary
5 a large amount on that, and essentially, if you're
6 using the higher discount rates, essentially the value
7 to those is -- is really approaching zero at the higher
8 discount rates. Even at the lower discount rates, they
9 can be -- they'll be pretty heavily discounted, I
10 think, or over 98 percent discounted by the tail end,
11 even at the -- at the reference discount rate.

12 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Part -- could we,
13 on that question, Dr. Grant, I -- I might be confused
14 as to what you were saying. so if I could just check
15 that we're understanding what you said?

16 DR. HUGH GRANT: Yeah. I guess when I
17 was just looking at these initial results, when I first
18 read them, I was surprised that the Preferred
19 Development Plan, the net present value wasn't a lot
20 more sensitive to the chosen discount rate you used,
21 and I was just trying to understand intuitively why
22 that would be the case, because, you know, in my
23 initial mind, it's like you make a huge expenditure in
24 some year zero, and the stream of benefits follows
25 afterwards.

1 But I think for my own mind, the reason
2 that it's less sensitive is that these capital
3 expenditures are actually not happening in this initial
4 year zero. They're being spread out over the first ten
5 (10), fifteen (15) years of the time horizon, and so
6 that some of the capital outlays on Conawapa are
7 actually coming in year fifteen (15), and they're
8 fairly highly discounted at that time.

9 So, you know, I was just sort of
10 satisfying myself in terms of the intuition of why you
11 wouldn't see more variation in net present value based
12 on the discount rate.

13 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Do we, perhaps -- I
14 think this is an important topic, so it's worth
15 spending a couple of minutes.

16 Exhibit 104-2 -- well, it's the -- it's
17 also in -- in the MIPUG piece, but I -- I don't happen
18 to have that number. MIPUG-1-4 -- Manitoba Hydro-104-
19 2. It's the -- it's the new quilt. Page 2, sorry.
20 Yeah. And if we go to reference energy prices, and
21 let's just use reference capital costs. So these are
22 the latest numbers we have, this quilt with the -- the
23 -- the quilt with the -- the latest capital cost.

24 So if we go to ref/ref/ref, meaning
25 we're using the ref discount rate, we get a posi -- for

1 the Preferred Plan, we get a positive seven nine eight
2 (798), and then if you go to the low discount rate, it
3 goes to plus four three two six (4,326), and if you go
4 to the high discount rate it flips over and becomes a
5 minus seven nine eight (798), which -- so there is
6 quite a large swing in the -- in the PV -- the NPV when
7 you change the discount rate.

8 So I'm not sure where you were
9 concluding that there isn't a significant change with
10 the discount rate.

11 DR. HUGH GRANT: Yeah. I thought the
12 discount rate sensitivity would be much greater for the
13 Preferred Development Plan than it would be, say, for
14 an All Gas Plan, because the Preferred Development
15 Plan, in my mind, at least initially, had most of the
16 capital outlays, the cost occurring early in the
17 period.

18 So I guess I was just expressing my
19 surprise that they -- in a comparative sense, the
20 discount rate didn't have more impact on the outcome,
21 and -- and more of a negative impact on the Preferred
22 Development Plan.

23 Does that make sense?

24 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yeah. Well, it --
25 it -- I -- it's -- let's just say we aren't surprised

1 to see this, this range, and -- and we -- we think --
2 we see that as quite significant. If you go to the All
3 Gas, you'll see that -- that the range is not as big
4 and that it's not as sensitive to that -- that discount
5 rate. The range is a smaller range, and -- and that's
6 also what we would expect.

7 So now, I guess we're dealing with how
8 much. But definitely directionally, the -- the
9 Preferred Plan is more sensitive to discount rate or
10 interest rates than the All Gas Plan would be, and it -
11 - and this is a much wider range, around five thousand
12 (5,000) -- pardon me, five bil -- \$5 billion for the
13 Preferred Plan, and about 1 1/2 billion for the All Gas
14 Plan, so it's like three (3) times as sensitive from
15 that point of view.

16 Now, I guess you -- maybe you were
17 expecting to see a much bigger ratio, so that -- that
18 would be a surprise, yes, but I have to say, from our
19 point of view, this is the kind of variation we would
20 expect to see.

21 DR. HUGH GRANT: I -- I think my last
22 point would be, given the huge variation in suggested
23 discount rates one might use, in some -- some ways, I'm
24 worried about creating a false precision to all of
25 this, right, because no one really knows what discount

1 rate to use and no one the heck knows what a discount
2 rate's going to look like in fifty (50) years or so,
3 and I think that's where the hyperbolic issue comes in?

4 So I -- I respect the fact that you have
5 to use some number, and I'm -- in any event, I think
6 we're in -- I think we're in agreement that -- yeah,
7 I'll leave it at that.

8

9 CONTINUED BY MR. ANTOINE HACAULT:

10 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I think there's
11 one (1) other point I'd like to clarify with respect to
12 the discussion that's been happening between Board --
13 Dr. Grant and -- and Mr. Wojczynski in looking at the
14 quilts, and if we look at page 4 of 7, which was the
15 original quilt, page 4 of 7, the original quilt, and if
16 we go to the Preferred Development Plan, and I'm going
17 to look at three (3) numbers related -- so I start with
18 ref/ref/ref. This was the original quilt.

19 If we go to the extreme right, we see
20 that we started at 1.696 billion, correct?

21 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Correct.

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: We have -- if we
23 go up and use ref energy prices but the low discount
24 rate, so now we're just doing the variance on low
25 discount rate and keep the capital costs at ref, we go

1 across the line, we see 2 billion -- two point eight-
2 four (2.84). So there's only -- I shouldn't say only,
3 but about a \$600 million spread there.

4 And this was why, until they provided
5 the revised table, I was going to spend a fair amount
6 of time, and I am indirectly, on why we were of the
7 view that the original quilt wasn't giving us an
8 accurate picture because it was putting common costs in
9 there and discounting common costs.

10 You see that -- the numbers that Mr.
11 Wojczynski has provided under the revised quilt, there
12 is a bigger spread. So we have a better idea of what's
13 happening when the discount rate changes.

14 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: We fully agree with
15 this -- the suggestion that this is an improved
16 approach, which is why we used it. And Ms. Flynn was
17 referring to that the other day. And -- and we
18 appreciate all the useful information and suggestions
19 we have had from people, and we try and incorporate
20 them when we receive them. And this was one of them.

21 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And if we do the
22 same thing but with respect to gas, intuitively gas was
23 less capital expensive, and under the original quilt we
24 saw a huge change.

25 And so if we look under the All Gas

1 column, let's start at ref/ref/ref, it's at zero.

2 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I'm sorry --

3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And we go --

4 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I'm sorry, Mr.

5 Hacaault, can I just interrupt and correct something?

6 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah.

7 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I'm informed by the
8 people who actually do this stuff that we had found
9 this -- and our staff had found this problem, as well,
10 and that -- and that -- so you're -- you found the same
11 problems we had. It wasn't just others that found it,
12 so I spoke too quickly there.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. Can
14 we just confirm that intuitively the original quilt
15 then -- and I was going to take the panel through some
16 of the numbers; ref/ref/ref, we had zero. And then if
17 we do reference energy prices and go to the low
18 discount rate and keep capital cost at the reference,
19 we had negative swing by changing the discount rate of
20 \$4 billion, correct?

21 Have we found that?

22

23 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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25 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Could you repeat

1 that, please? My apologies.

2 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. I'm
3 looking to see whether or not the original methodology
4 -- what the impact of changing the rate on the All Gas
5 Plan was.

6 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Okay.

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And intuitively,
8 the Gas Plan is less capital intensive, so we should
9 see less of a swing.

10 Do you agree with that?

11 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: It's more -- it's
12 less capital intensive, but it has huge production
13 costs in the future due to the huge reliance on natural
14 gas. So --

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay.

16 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: -- when you have to
17 discount the large amount of gas cost at ten (10),
18 thirty (30), forty (40), fifty (50) years down the
19 road, that -- that -- the capital cost of the gas
20 turbines wouldn't be as sensitive, but the production
21 cost component related to the gas cost would be quite
22 sensitive.

23 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. So I just
24 want to confirm -- compare this quilt and that
25 particular number, and I'll move on. I'll ask for some

1 documents.

2 But we saw a difference between
3 ref/ref/ref of zero on the All Gas Plan to the ref
4 energy prices, low discount rate, it was a \$4 billion
5 swing, correct, to the negative?

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7 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Another person
10 can answer if they found it.

11 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Now, if we change
13 --

14 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: -- if we change
16 to the revised schedule, which is on page 2, we see the
17 impact of changing the methodology.

18 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I -- I think you
19 meant page 6, perhaps?

20 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Page 6 is okay,
21 too.

22 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yea, 'cause on page
23 2 you got both --

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay.

25 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: -- capital cost --

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay.

2 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: -- although I guess
3 the gas cost -- okay.

4 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: If we change to
5 page 6. Page 6.

6 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: If we do
8 ref/ref/ref, we're at zero for the All Gas Plan,
9 correct?

10 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And if we go ref
12 energy prices but change the discount rate to low and
13 do the ref capital costs again, we see a negative 1.039
14 billion, correct?

15 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So the change in
17 methodology by excluding the cap -- common costs
18 changes the analysis by 3 billion in that particular
19 example?

20 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

21 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So it narrows the
22 risk. And we looked at that graph, correct?

23 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. Now...

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1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: We -- we agree that
4 including the common factors had the unintended effect
5 of amplifying the long-term risk of the gas
6 alternative.

7 And -- and we did acknowledge in the --
8 on page 6 in that sentence just above the graph, which
9 you can't see right now, that one (1) -- one (1)
10 important impact with the revised treatment of the
11 common cost when you reduce the downside risk of all
12 the plans, except for the Preferred Plan, which is
13 another way of saying what you said.

14 And you've -- you -- you bring up the
15 numbers and said it very well.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Well, if we look
17 at the swing that now exists on discount rates and Plan
18 14, so on -- on the right-hand side, if we look at the
19 swing, and this is orig -- page 6 of 7 for -- of
20 Exhibit 104-2, we have ref/ref/ref at one point six-
21 nine-six (1.696), correct?

22 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

23 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And then the
24 swing in low discount rates, I'm following my lines
25 correctly, I see the number, 5.265 billion?

1 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

2 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So there's an
3 upside of about 3.6 billion, correct?

4 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

5 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And that makes
6 sense, because if you've got lower interest rates, you
7 should see a lot more benefit.

8 Now, if we look ref/ref/ref at one point
9 six-nine-six (1.696) but we've got a higher discount
10 rate, at the higher discount rate we're down to \$89
11 million?

12 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes, correct.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So when we had
14 the discussion with Dr. Grant on the sensitivity of the
15 capital-intensive project to interest, here we see a
16 swing of nearly \$5 billion on interest rates, correct?

17 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And under the
19 original quilt, you can do it subject to check, it was
20 only a swing of about 800 million?

21 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Subject to check.

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I've just got one
23 (1) or two (2) short questions of Dr. Borison, looking
24 at the time, and it related to the -- oh, sorry, before
25 we move on, would it be possible for the revised quilt

1 that's part of Exhibit 104-2 to give us the same type
2 of pages that we had in Appendix 9.3 that I referenced?

3 I assume that those numbers exist
4 because a quilt was produced. Could we have the same -
5 - if you look at page 10 of our book of documents. I'd
6 just like to have the same type of sheets that led to
7 the quilt that's in your revised exhibit that show the
8 revised construction costs and -- and the revised
9 approach to the common cost.

10 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yeah, we're -- we're
11 just preparing those. We intend to -- to file the
12 updated --

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Perfect.

14 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: -- Appendix 9.3 to
15 back it up.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you.

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18 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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20 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: No, it will be part
21 of Exhibit 104.

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23 (BRIEF PAUSE)

24

25 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: If document

1 management person could go to Volume IV, page 62.

2 That's our book of documents, page 62.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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6 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: First, Dr.

7 Borison, did Manitoba Hydro provide you with a copy of

8 our book of documents?

9 DR. ADAM BORISON: Yes, thank you.

10 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And at Tab

11 13, we believe this is a reproduction of one of the

12 papers that you co-authored with Dr. Gregory -- Gregory

13 Hamm, correct?

14 DR. ADAM BORISON: That is correct,

15 yes.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And I just

17 have a couple questions with respect to some of the

18 things that were written in that document and -- and to

19 know whether or not your view is that -- that it's

20 still the case, in today's market, relevant to Manitoba

21 Hydro.

22 So -- because this was a paper written

23 some eight (8) years ago and it wasn't written with

24 Manitoba Hydro and this hearing in mind, I'm sure,

25 correct?

1 DR. ADAM BORISON: Yes.

2 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So the third
3 paragraph down, the -- the -- we're looking at, says:

4 "The major problem with the financial
5 approach is that the markets are not
6 sufficiently extensive, mature, and
7 stable to rely on the available data.
8 Or said another way, there is just
9 not enough applicable data to produce
10 accurate long-run forecasts.

11 Regional electric -- electricity
12 markets may have only existed for a
13 few years and/or have been in the
14 state of transition during most or
15 all of their existence."

16 With respect to the statements that I've
17 read, sir, as applicable to this case and Manitoba
18 Hydro, do you think those statements still stand?

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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22 DR. ADAM BORISON: I would say to some
23 extent. And let me just give you the background. I
24 certainly view myself as knowledgeable about tools used
25 in forecasting and -- and since wrote this paper as a

1 part of that. But I am not, certainly to the extent
2 that, say, that Dr. Murphy is, or even my colleague Dr.
3 Tanner, who is sitting behind me, not as much of an
4 expert as they are on the current state of markets, the
5 availability of data, those factors.

6 My understanding is that in the
7 intervening eight (8) years or so, the amount of
8 available information from markets -- regional
9 electricity markets, commodity markets -- has
10 increased. But I would still agree that to produce
11 very long term forecasts there typically is not enough
12 available data.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So that brings me
14 to the concluding sentence in that paragraph, and I'm
15 quoting:

16 "Accuracy when the data are projected
17 forward twenty (20) to thirty (30)
18 years is questionable at best."

19 Do you still agree with that analysis as
20 it regards to this case?

21 DR. ADAM BORISON: By and large, yes.

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And then in this
23 paper you discuss another approach, and it's two (2)
24 paragraphs down for the document management. And it
25 starts:

1 "The major problem with the
2 engineering approach is a strong
3 tendency to understate the
4 uncertainty in technology, system
5 configuration, fuel prices, and
6 demands. This results in a forecast
7 that anchors on a very narrow range
8 that be -- can be inconsistent with
9 market realities."

10 The same question: As it relates to our
11 exercise today, firstly, do you view that part of the
12 analysis that was undertaking (sic) looked at the
13 engineering approach which you ascribe in this paper?

14 DR. ADAM BORISON: Let me see if this -
15 - this -- if I understand the question. The issue that
16 I raised here was specifically with respect to the use
17 of tools in price forecasting.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Correct.

19 DR. ADAM BORISON: And again, I -- I am
20 not a party to precisely what was done in the price
21 forecasts that were used by Manitoba Hydro, although --
22 and by Dr. Murphy, for example, in doing gas or
23 electricity price forecasts. But I do understand that
24 -- that those tools have -- have improved, and that
25 they -- they use a combination of both financial data

1 and -- and engineering data.

2 But I would stand by the statement that
3 if one does a forecast based entirely, or largely, on
4 engineering these concerns occur. I don't know if that
5 answers your question or not.

6 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I had asked --
7 thank you. I had asked a second aspect. Are you aware
8 of whether Manitoba Hydro has taken the approach which
9 you espouse in this, is to rely both on the financial
10 approach and the engineering approach?

11 DR. ADAM BORISON: I can't -- yeah, it
12 -- it would be -- I would be hard pressed to answer
13 that question specifically with respect to Manitoba --
14 Manitoba Hydro. My understanding is that the available
15 market forecast that firms in this field use have a
16 mixture.

17 They are -- people are smart enough now
18 to combine both financially driven information,
19 forwards markets, and long-term technology information
20 to develop those forecasts. So -- so I would -- I
21 would think it would be highly likely that -- that the
22 -- the forecasts that were relied on here had a mixture
23 of both -- what this article calls for: a use of
24 financial data and a use of engineering data.

25 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And if Dr.

1 Murphy could provide any insight on that, even though
2 he didn't write the paper, I'd most certainly invite
3 his comments or views.

4 DR. DEAN MURPHY: Yes, I certain have
5 some thoughts on this. I think -- I -- I agree with
6 Dr. Borison in that I think there are risks with the
7 engineering approach of understating the uncertainties
8 that may be involved. And that's not a problem of
9 necessarily the tools themselves as much as how they
10 are applied.

11 And -- and similarly on -- with the use
12 of financial data, yes, power price forwards these days
13 for the MISO region, you might get four (4), perhaps
14 five (5) years of forward data. And if you were to
15 rely solely on that forward data, you would have a
16 limited ability to project over the horizon that you --
17 that you're interested in.

18 I can't speak for Manitoba Hydro's
19 consensus forecast because I'm not aware of the details
20 of the other -- other consultants who provided
21 forecasts, but I was one of those consultants. And
22 obviously, I am quite familiar with the work that we
23 did. And -- and this was very much a focus of -- of
24 our work in providing the forecast for Manitoba Hydro,
25 is to not rely simply on an engineering approach or a

1 financial approach, but to use both.

2 And we gave -- we put great effort into
3 understanding the input factors and the potential
4 uncertainty in those, and the ones that were most
5 important were gas prices and CO2 prices. And so I
6 used all the available data that I had at hand to try
7 to develop a range on those input prices, and then I
8 used an engineering model informed by those potential
9 ranges on input prices to project the implications for
10 power prices in the longer term.

11 And so for instance, for gas prices I
12 used forward market data, futures data, for natural
13 gas, which these days does go out farther than it did
14 five (5) or ten (10) years ago. You can get futures
15 prices for natural gas from NYMEX that go out to 2025,
16 so more than -- a little more than ten (10) years now.

17 But I also looked at historical gas
18 prices, the historical volatility in gas prices, and
19 historical forecast errors; how gas prices had been
20 forecasted periods in the past and how they ultimately
21 were realized when that time came to develop the range
22 that I put on the gas prices in -- in the forecast that
23 I used.

24 I also used options, financial options,
25 on gas which tell you something about what the market

1 believes the uncertainty is in future gas prices. So I
2 used all that information to develop my -- the range of
3 gas prices that I then put into the engineering model
4 to -- to project the potential electricity prices in
5 the future under various combinations of gas prices and
6 also CO2 prices, et cetera.

7 So I -- I didn't have any involvement
8 with Dr. Borison when he wrote this paper but I -- I
9 believe that the approach that -- that the Brattle
10 Group took with respect to its forecast that went into
11 Manitoba Hydro's consensus took into account these
12 concerns.

13 Is it perfect? Probably not. Is it the
14 best that we can do? Again, speaking only for the
15 Brattle Group's forecast, given the -- given the
16 resources and information available, I think it -- I
17 think it goes some way toward taking -- taking account
18 of the kinds of concerns that Dr. Borison raised in
19 this paper.

20 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. If we
21 could turn to page 63 of the document book. There's
22 the title, 'Anchoring on the Past and Present'. And
23 the second full -- the sentence starts:

24 "The second major problem identified
25 above was the lack of focus on the

1 future, and underlying assumption of
2 little change. While often viewed as
3 extremely stable, the power industry
4 is actually a dynamic and changing
5 industry."

6 Again, with bringing that up to 2014,
7 sir, as it relates to Manitoba Hydro's projects, does
8 this statement continue to be true?

9 DR. ADAM BORISON: I thank you very
10 much for bringing this statement up, because I did -- I
11 do want to comment on that. I do think that statement
12 is still true.

13 And I -- I guess the point I would like
14 to emphasize is that this is an industry that has been,
15 for decades, quite dynamic, quite changing, and quite
16 uncertain. And that I was looking back in the
17 literature for the use of the term 'unprecedented
18 uncertainty', which I have used, and Dr. Murphy has
19 used. And I found that in every single year, at least
20 going back ten (10) years on the Internet, and then I
21 actually found an article from 1983 about -- that said
22 the -- the utility industry is facing unprecedented
23 uncertainty.

24 But I actually don't think that's
25 untrue. I think what 'unprecedented' means in that

1 context is there are a set of things that appear very
2 uncertain right now that -- that haven't been there
3 before. And so in '83 it were -- was things like Three
4 Mile Island, or something of that nature,
5 electromagnetic fields. There were issues that were
6 there that people had never heard about before which
7 all of a sudden made things very uncertain.

8 I think the -- the fantasy though is
9 that -- that somehow those are going to go away and
10 what happens instead is those go away -- I mean, we now
11 don't worry so much about electromagnetic fields -- but
12 something else shows up. And so I -- again, to -- to
13 defend myself and Dr. Murphy, I think he'd say, Yes,
14 the uncertainty is different. Now it's structural
15 uncertainty. It may be uncertainty about the nature of
16 the market in MISO. It may about regulation in
17 California.

18 But it is not as if somehow we can wait
19 magically for a few years and the uncertainty will go
20 away, because most likely what's going to happen is
21 there'll be some other issue that comes up. And I
22 think the past thirty (30) or so years have been
23 evidence of that. Anyway, that's a long -- a very long
24 answer to that very brief question. I think things are
25 quite similar to when this was written, in that sense.

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I might have a
2 question of -- I'm going to call him Dr., because he's
3 so knowledgeable, Cormie. What's your view as to what
4 the uncertainty does with respect to your negotiations?

5 Does it help you get better prices?

6 MR. DAVE CORMIE: Yes, clearly that's
7 an advantage that works in our favour, because it's --
8 it's not only Manitoba Hydro that uses a consensus
9 forecast and goes to multiple forecasters; our
10 customers also do exactly the same and they're making
11 their forward decisions based on the exact same
12 information that we have. Gas prices could be ten
13 dollars (\$10) in the future, it could be eight dollars
14 (\$8), it could be four dollars (\$4), it could be three
15 dollars (\$3).

16 And so it shouldn't be a surprise that
17 their view of the future is not much different than
18 ours and -- and they are risk averse just as we are.
19 And in -- in talking to them -- and their customers are
20 very similar to our customers. And the first thing
21 they want is a reliable supply of power. And the
22 second thing they want is stability in pricing. They
23 don't want to be exposed to volatile pricing. The
24 third thing they want is absolute price. But absolute
25 price is less important than stable pricing.

1 And so when they look at the future and
2 they see this uncertainty, they -- they want to hedge
3 against that. And the price that we're able to achieve
4 -- achieve in -- in our forward selling reflects a
5 premium over what you would expect if you just did the
6 engineering analysis of what the future costs of
7 electricity might be.

8 So the uncertainty in -- in that regard
9 helps us to achieve premium pricing, because we -- we
10 can offer fixed price, long-term contracts that are
11 stable, and that eliminates a lot of utility risk, and
12 -- and they're paying for that.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And to the extent
14 that you're able to negotiate firm con -- firm price
15 contracts for part of your dependable energy, you make
16 use of that uncertainty to reduce the uncertainty in
17 Manitoba Hydro.

18 Am I getting it right?

19 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes. So we then --
20 I have fixed price contracts for power off Conawapa
21 going out to 2036 for the Wisconsin Public Service
22 sale. That locks up, essentially, a third of the
23 production of that station at a -- at a price that's
24 well above our levelized cost, and -- and that helps us
25 make a better business case to build that project.

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Now, I have
2 another question. Because some of the energy produced
3 by the facilities is not dependable, correct?

4 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes. Each facility
5 produce -- each hydro facility produces surplus energy.

6 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And that
7 varies according to the stations in the amount -- you
8 can't just do an automatically, Well, there's 3,000
9 gigawatts of dependable, and we'll multiply that times
10 a specific number, but is there a range?

11 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Usually about 40
12 percent of the average production is surplus. Sixty
13 percent of it is dependable. You know, some -- some
14 plants, that -- that number is a little bit different,
15 but for the system as a whole, and especially the large
16 northern plants, Kettle, Long Spruce, and Limestone,
17 they all are essentially the same capacity factor.
18 Forty percent is a good amount on average that is
19 surplus.

20 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And how
21 does Hydro deal with the uncertainty, I guess --
22 hopefully this is not CSI, but in its forecasts before
23 this Board with respect to that portion of the energy?
24 And then I'll have a question with respect to the
25 uncontracted dependable, firstly with respect to the

1 power over and above the dependable.

2 MR. DAVID CORMIE: There -- there's two
3 (2) ways that we manage that. Firstly, customers are
4 willing to buy fixed-price surplus energy, and they're
5 willing to buy that and -- and give Manitoba Hydro the
6 option to have an adverse water clause so that under
7 adverse water conditions, when we need to keep that
8 energy for our own needs, we have the right to curtail,
9 and so we can -- we can -- although we're talking about
10 surplus energy, it's not dependable energy, we can fix
11 the price of that.

12 And -- and then secondly, we -- we have
13 the energy that's available on an annual basis as -- as
14 the -- as the water supply varies, and so that's the --
15 the opportunity energy, the energy that -- that, if it
16 rains today -- it rains today, in a couple of weeks,
17 we'll have some extra production.

18 We can manage that in two (2) ways. One
19 (1) is just to leave it for the spot market, wait till
20 the water arrives at the generating station. On a
21 daily basis we calculate what that is and we take it to
22 the spot -- the MISO spot market.

23 The other thing that we can do is we can
24 lock that in at forward prices in -- in the current
25 year, and generally we attract a significant premium by

1 managing utility risk in the short term, by fixing the
2 price for electricity six months out, and generally
3 that trades significant premium over the spot market.

4 Remembering the -- coming out of the
5 winter of --

6 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Could I -- can I
7 just ask -- and I'll -- I'll let you continue, but what
8 I'm trying to get a handle on with respect to the last
9 statement that you made, you said you can fix some of
10 that energy at a premium, and my question is, Is that
11 premium reflected in the numbers of the forecast? You
12 -- you understand where I'm getting at?

13 Have we forecast a number lower than
14 what Hydro expects to get, because it -- you're able to
15 get premiums, but we aren't putting it in the forecast?

16 MR. DAVID CORMIE: No, the -- the -- in
17 -- in the -- in Manitoba Hydro's price forecast for
18 opportunity energy, there's a -- there is an adder that
19 reflects the -- our ability in the short term to get a
20 premium over the spot market prices.

21 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I don't know. I
22 saw Ed and Joanne's -- do you need to add anything
23 further? If not, I'll -- I'll move to the next
24 question that I had with respect to a similar concept
25 on the contracted dependable.

1 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: There may be
2 something to supplement what Mr. Cormie said, is that
3 another way we take the unfirm hydro and -- and
4 maximize our revenues is to take our non-hydro energy
5 such as import or thermal generation and use that to
6 firm up some of the unfirm hydro, and sell a firm
7 product.

8 So we -- we also use that as another
9 tool, but it -- I'd like to add to an earl -- you had
10 an earl --

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Can I just ask
12 you, is that in Plan 14, because I know what you do in
13 reality, but I want to know whether it's in Plan 14?
14 So you've just explained the concept.

15 Is that concept included in Plan 14?

16 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: We -- we do that in
17 all our plans, including Plan 1.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay, thank you.

19 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: But there's another
20 comment. You had quite a good steady stream of
21 discussion with Mr. Cormie I didn't want to interrupt
22 it, but before the thought leaves us all, there was
23 this discussion of -- of risk, and in the US, in -- in
24 the utility industry, and there's a lot of discussion
25 in various papers Mr. -- we had from the Consumers'

1 Association. We had a number of papers, one (1) of
2 them was a series paper that I actually referenced in -
3 - in the discussion.

4 And if you go and look at most of those
5 papers, if not all of them, certainly the current ones
6 in the -- in the last number of years, I would suggest
7 the -- the single biggest, or at least one (1) of the
8 biggest risks that the industry is facing is
9 decarbonization, is moving away from -- from coal or --
10 or to -- to a lesser degree, natural gas.

11 There -- the papers written are in -- in
12 the focus of the majority of the utilities in -- in
13 North America, particularly the US, who are basically
14 heavily thermally based in the industry. I don't
15 remember the number, but it's something like -- now I'd
16 -- I wish I could remember, but, like, three-quarters
17 (3/4s) of the energy is thermal energy in -- in the
18 United States. Canada, it's 80 percent hydro. In the
19 US it's a flip picture.

20 And so the -- the threat that the util -
21 - many are talking about -- the utility industry in the
22 US actually has become and is, in effect, an
23 opportunity for Manitoba Hydro. And -- and through
24 some of the discussion that was just had, we take
25 advantage of some of that and use it to firm up our

1 prices on the firm product, like Mr. Cormie is talking
2 about, whatever.

3 But their threat, in effect, becomes our
4 opportunity.

5 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. So I
6 had one (1) other question that I had raised, which --
7 and I think maybe I'll -- after Mr. Cormie responds, if
8 Dr. Murphy has a response on this one (1) also.

9 With respect to the material that's put
10 before us in the forecasting, I understood that Plan 14
11 includes a forecast price, correct?

12 My question is: Is that fore --
13 forecast price include the pricing premium that we've
14 talked about or not, for the dependable part of our
15 energy?

16 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: The same price
17 forecast is used throughout the entire analysis. There
18 aren't -- there's separate prices for separate
19 products, but if the product exists in any one (1) of
20 the plans, the same price is applied.

21 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: But -- but that
22 wasn't really the question. Let me try to put a number
23 to it. If the forecast is six (6) cents, just to pick
24 a number, and Mr. Cormie, through his valiant efforts
25 and the premium pricing is able to get one (1) cent

1 over market, seven (7) cents, I want to understand
2 whether or not the forecast that's being put in front
3 of us, we aren't -- hopefully that's just an example,
4 it doesn't get into CSI, is the six (6) cent number,
5 which is the forecast number, or the premium, if there
6 is one, that Mr. Cormie's able to do, and in that
7 sense, are we valuing according to price forecasts, or
8 are we undervaluing what Manitoba Hydro's likely going
9 to achieve?

10 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: So for long-term
11 dependable sales, where there is enough progress in the
12 negotiations that we have, a -- a term sheet, or some -
13 - some sort of pricing arrangement, we will use in our
14 analysis that pricing arrangement. For the dependable
15 energy that has not yet been sold, so it's -- it's
16 uncommitted, then we -- we'll -- we will use the long-
17 term dependable forecast price from the long-term
18 forecast.

19 For the surplus energy, which has been
20 called the opportunity energy, there is a separate
21 price for that product.

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23 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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25 MR. DAVE CORMIE: Mr. Hacault, there's

1 a difference between what people are willing to pay and
2 what something costs, and that's the difference between
3 the value and the cost. And we think that we are
4 reflecting the value of our products in the forecast,
5 and some of that value -- it depends on the product,
6 but it's a -- it's -- it's, I believe, a conservative
7 forecast of the value of the -- the specific Manitoba
8 Hydro product, which is -- would be different than if
9 you went out and you did an engineering cost estimate
10 of what that -- you thought that electricity might be
11 worth if you bought it in the spot market.

12 And so I think Ms. -- Ms. Flynn has --
13 has described, you know, the different products, but we
14 -- it -- it is a conservative value-based forecast and
15 not a -- not a cost-based estimate.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And perhaps I
17 didn't ask the question in a detailed way enough. When
18 we see your graphs, we have the -- kind of a solid
19 block of the contracted power, and then you always keep
20 a margin between that solid block of export contracts,
21 or contracted, a dependable -- a -- a margin, which is
22 still considered dependable.

23 How is that block dealt with in the
24 forecasts?

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1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: So the -- the
4 products that the price forecasters give us are the --
5 are what -- one (1) of them is called the long-term
6 all-in price, and the other is the...

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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10 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Maybe we can have
11 a -- a lunch break, and if I have a short discussion
12 with counsel for Hydro, we can -- I can better phrase
13 the question, or whatever, so that when we come back
14 after lunch, we could deal with that quicker, because
15 it seems that I'm not communicating my questions
16 correctly.

17 THE CHAIRPERSON: I -- I do want to
18 clarify something though. In terms of the quilt,
19 though, the energy prices that are used for the
20 purposes of the quilt are not the same as the prices
21 that we're talking about here, the contract prices in
22 your negotiations?

23 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes, they're this --
24 this -- it is the same.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: It is, then?

1 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: If we have contract
2 prices, they'll be included in --

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: As -- as far as the
4 energy price that we've -- you've used for the quilt
5 purposes?

6 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: As far as the
7 analysis of the net present values.

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: I see. Okay. Now,
9 in terms of just going back to Exhibit 104-2, a
10 question I have is the capital costs probabilities have
11 been changed as a result of the variation to the cost
12 of Keeyask. Now, what's happened there, I guess, is
13 you have removed the -- reduced the probability of a
14 high forecast -- a high cost, and -- and the reference
15 number has increased to 60 percent.

16 Now, it seems to me that, you know,
17 given that you know that capital costs are in the
18 increase, why would you not reduce the -- the low
19 scenario as opposed to decreasing the high scenario?

20 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Sir, could -- could
21 you repeat the last part, the question?

22 THE CHAIRPERSON: Well, I'm just
23 looking at the capital cost probabilities here. You're
24 using a reference -- now using 60 percent reference,
25 with a high of 20 percent and a low of 20 percent.

1 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: M-hm.

2 THE CHAIRPERSON: Now, I understand why
3 the reference case -- you know, you -- there's great --
4 greater certainty in -- in respect of the future, but
5 it seems to me that you now know that costs are in --
6 costs have increased.

7 Wouldn't you have a low -- wouldn't you
8 have reduced the low to 10 percent and increased the
9 high to -- to something higher than -- than 20 percent,
10 as opposed to what you've done, which is to reduce the
11 high?

12 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I'll try and give a
13 short answer, and we can always give a long answer but
14 I -- I'll try -- hopefully the short answer will do.

15 First of all, through getting the GCC
16 and getting other information and having contracts
17 signed, we have greater confidence in the information
18 we have, and -- and that's the reason for increasing
19 the reference.

20 Secondly, we've used the information
21 we've obtained from the -- the bidding process for the
22 GCC and other information to -- to help us evaluate
23 what the high and the low should be and determine what
24 those costs are, and also assist in the probabilities.

25 One (1) of the things we did, and Mr.

1 Bowen was talking about that earlier, is when you do
2 the -- the labour -- the labour reserve -- the labour
3 productivity reserve component, and the -- the
4 uncertainty in the labour reserve risk, they took that,
5 and they used a probabilistic technique and applied it
6 to all three (3) scenarios of low, reference, and high.

7 So the risk on the labour productivity
8 side is already in the low estimate. So -- so based on
9 that, we felt that having a balanced high and low set
10 of probabilities was appropriate, because we've already
11 put the -- the risk of a labour productivity cost
12 increase into the low estimate. All three (3) already
13 have it, so we feel that that -- that's appropriate to
14 have that balanced.

15 Now just a -- a small detail is that
16 that's the case for -- for Keeyask, we're very
17 comfortable with that. With Conawapa, we -- we may --
18 the probabilities maybe should be a little bit more
19 along the line of what you're suggesting, but our
20 primary focus in the analysis is more on Keeyask than
21 on Conawapa right in -- in this analysis, so we were
22 focussing a bit more on Keeyask.

23 But -- but anyways, that -- that's why
24 we kept it balanced. I'll -- I'll give a shorter
25 answer. Because we've already increased the costs, the

1 risk of it going higher has already been integrated it
2 in, and we think we're in the middle point now.

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. I think it's
4 the appropriate time to break. Let's take -- let's
5 resume the proceedings at one o'clock. Thank you very
6 much.

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8 --- Upon recessing at 12:14 p.m.

9 --- Upon resuming at 1:05 p.m.

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11 THE CHAIRPERSON: I believe that we're
12 ready to resume the proceedings for this afternoon.
13 Before I turn over the microphone to -- to M. Hacaault,
14 is there anything that we need to address? M. Hacaault,
15 s'il vous plait?

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17 CONTINUED BY MR. ANTOINE HACAULT:

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Before we had
19 broken for lunch, we had a discussion with respect to
20 pricing of -- of power and how actual pricing and the
21 forecast pricing was interrelated. We had a short
22 discussion at the lunch break. Could somebody
23 address that issue, please?

24 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes. My colleagues
25 and I agreed that I -- I should provide that. Any of

1 one of could have. I'll try. I've got two (2) sets of
2 summaries to provide to summarize the discussion we've
3 had with MIPUG over the last morning and yesterday
4 afternoon.

5 The first one is in this long-term
6 pricing for dependable energy, the firm energy that is
7 available in our system after the contracts are
8 finished. So it's the dependable energy that had -- we
9 don't have contracts for long-term firm contracts or
10 dependable contracts, that we could enter those
11 contracts, so what do we do with them?

12 So I have three (3) points to make, and
13 we -- hopefully this will be a very simple, basic thing
14 that pulls it all together.

15 1. We do have a forecast, our forecast
16 for the various export prices. There is a special
17 forecast for the long-term firm products that are not
18 contracted.

19 2. That forecast does include a premium
20 above what would be in -- in the -- in the opportunity
21 market forecast for the same products. There is a
22 premium, because it's a Manitoba Hydro long-term
23 product.

24 3. As Mr. Cormie said this morning,
25 that forecast is conservative, and anything more than

1 that is CSI.

2 The second summary was more to do with a
3 -- a long discussion yesterday afternoon, or it seemed
4 long to me, on what is the Preferred Plan, and looking
5 back, it pro -- it would be good to have a summary, so
6 I have another three (3) point summary.

7 1. The Manitoba Hydro Preferred Plan is
8 to proceed with Keeyask, the 750 line and Conawapa, and
9 DSM will be expanded.

10 2. The in-service date for -- for
11 Conawapa is currently planned for 2026, but the
12 ultimate in-service date will depend on various
13 factors, including export sale negotiations, load
14 growth, DSM, energy prices, and regulatory schedule.

15 3. While the Preferred Plan is to
16 proceed with Conawapa, Manitoba Hydro will review that
17 plan, and under adverse conditions, Manitoba Hydro
18 would not proceed with Conawapa and instead proceed
19 with an alternate resource, such as, for example, gas.
20 Such adverse conditions would include failure of the
21 various sales negotiations you've been hearing about,
22 low gas and export prices, and high capital costs for
23 Conawapa.

24 That is the three (3) point summary.

25 Thank you.

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you, sir.

2 THE CHAIRPERSON: Would you mind
3 repeating the third bullet, please?

4 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: So this is the
5 prefer -- the -- the bullet as to defining the
6 Preferred Plan: While the Preferred Plan is to proceed
7 with Conawapa, Manitoba Hydro will review that plan and
8 under adverse conditions Manitoba Hydro would not
9 proceed with Conawapa and instead proceed with an
10 alternate resource; for example, such as gas
11 generation. Such adverse conditions would include
12 failure of the various sales negotiations that Mr.
13 Cormie has mentioned, whether it's Great River Energy,
14 or NSP down the road, or SaskPower; low gas and export
15 prices; and high capital costs for Conawapa.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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19 CONTINUED BY MR. ANTOINE HACAULT:

20 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you.
21 That's very useful. And continuing on that line, I
22 just wanted to have one (1) clarification on one (1) of
23 the main slides, which they are found, if we look at
24 our book of documents, at page 26 in our book of
25 documents. And that was slide 20 of the presentation,

1 which is marked as Exhibit 95. At the bottom of that
2 slide -- and your summary, Mr. Wojczynski, is very
3 germane to this.

4 In the last line under, "WPS 308
5 megawatt system power sale," as I understand it through
6 some of the responses by Mr. Cormie, that the WPS sale,
7 as currently projected, it could be met with Keeyask
8 and the new US interconnection, but that Conawapa is
9 not a condition precedent to that sale proceeding in
10 the sense of resources?

11 MR. DAVE CORMIE: The 308 megawatt sale
12 is tied to Conawapa.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I understand the
14 sale is tied to Conawapa, but did I also understand the
15 evidence correctly that even though Conawapa allows
16 Manitoba Hydro to say, If Conawapa doesn't proceed I
17 can choose not to do the 308, but the reverse isn't
18 necessarily true?

19 Conawapa might not proceed as of 2026
20 and you could still decide to keep that agreement with
21 Keeyask and the new US interconnection?

22 MR. DAVE CORMIE: No, Mr. Hacault,
23 that's not the correct. The sale is tied to Conawapa.
24 Now, if circumstances change, I'm sure we could have a
25 discussion with -- with the customer. But in that

1 circumstances, lots of things would have changed and
2 there's no assurance that they would be satisfied with
3 an alternate product.

4 Both parties have the right to terminate
5 the sale if Manitoba Hydro does not commit to Conawapa
6 by 2029. So it -- not only do we have the right to
7 terminate the sale; they also have the right. If we're
8 not prepared to build, Conawapa they have the right.

9 So as I said in -- in -- the other day
10 when I was talking about the sale, it doesn't obligate
11 us to build it. But if we do build it, they're --
12 we're obligated to deliver and they're obligated to
13 take. But if we don't build it -- and this is -- this
14 is new. If -- if we don't build it they have the
15 option of cancelling the sale.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So when you say,
20 "this is new," it's just that it wasn't explained to
21 this Board before that Wisconsin Power has that option
22 in the agreement not to proceed with the sale if
23 Conawapa is not built.

24 That's the new part of the information
25 you're giving to the Board?

1 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes. And then --
2 and it wasn't done intentionally. There is -- there
3 are probably two (2) dozen condition precedents and I
4 didn't go over them all, and -- and there's a lot of
5 optionality in the agreement to protect both parties.
6 But that -- this sale as negotiated is tied to
7 Conawapa.

8 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. That
9 helps clarify the page 33 of our book of documents --

10 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Can I comment on
11 that?

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Sure.

13 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: So there -- there
14 is no assurance that WPS would want to carry on with
15 the sale, but given that we could provide -- sell their
16 product as new hydro from Keeyask, our expectation is
17 that they -- that they would continue to want to do
18 that. But there isn't assurance of that.

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. That's
20 helpful, thank you. That explanation that Mr.
21 Wojczynski provided is particularly helpful because
22 when I looked at the overall conclusions at page 14 --
23 slide 147, which is page 33 of our book of documents,
24 the last paragraph indicates:

25 "We'll confirm in future if proceed

1 with Conawapwa, depending on
2 additional export contracts, gas
3 export price forecasts, load growth."

4 So there might be the scenario, and
5 you're hoping it would be the scenario, that WPS would
6 still keep its contract at three-o-eight (308). And if
7 it had indicated that, then it gives you the
8 flexibility of deciding to proceed with Conawapa right
9 away or not.

10 And that would depend, as it's indicated
11 here, on additional export contracts and a number of
12 other things, correct?

13 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes. Down the road
14 we'll look at all the features that are happening,
15 including these ones, and evaluate what we're doing.
16 But -- and part of that is negotiations with others,
17 like the ones Mr. Cormie has mentioned.

18 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Mr. Hacault, yeah,
19 and -- and for -- for the same reasons we might not
20 choose to proceed with Conawapa, WPS may say, We're no
21 longer exposed to the risks that we're trying to
22 mitigate with Conawapa. So, you know, that's why you -
23 - we can't prejudge whether they would be happy with
24 carrying on with the hydro purchase from Manitoba
25 Hydro.

1 They -- you know, between now and the
2 time we decide not to build Conawapa, for -- for
3 changing reasons, they may have also changed their
4 mind. So, you know, we have a contract now. But to
5 assume that we could change the conditions of the
6 contract and that they would just happily agree, I
7 think, again, it's hypothetical.

8 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah. So if we
9 go -- perhaps we can better explain this, and this is a
10 different document, slide 145 of Exhibit 95. So it's
11 Exhibit 95, slide 145.

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13 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: If we look at the
16 bottom it says, "Keeyask 2019 with the bigger
17 interconnection," and it's got the 2 -- "308 megawatt
18 WPS sale," on the right-hand side. It says, "Pathway
19 would be," that's Pathway -- Plan number 5 or Pathway
20 5, you could go with Conawapa or gas generation and
21 still keep that 308 megawatt WPS sale.

22 Is that what Pathway 5 is telling us?

23 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes, and as we just
24 indicated, that's not guaranteed that if we went with
25 gas that it would be -- WPS would carry on. But that's

1 what we expect would happen.

2 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So is that part
3 of Plan 5 hypothetical, where we would say, Later with
4 gas generation, it's contingent on the goodwill or not
5 of WPS and...

6 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I wouldn't -- I
7 wouldn't call it goodwill. But Mr. Cormie could
8 characterize it better. But my understanding was,
9 based on the business case that's there, including the
10 fact that Keeyask would still be new hydro, but I think
11 Mr. Cormie's in a better position to comment on that
12 characterization.

13 MR. DAVID CORMIE: The -- the later
14 Conawapa -- the contract provides for various in-
15 service dates, the issue of whether we install gas
16 generation and can still point to new hydro, for
17 example, Keeyask, and if there was surplus Keeyask
18 generation that met the requirements, we could discuss
19 that. I don't see why there would -- wouldn't be a
20 reason.

21 But it again assumes that their needs
22 don't change. They -- they made the decision today.
23 They had the reasons for making those. And just as we
24 might want to change our mind, this might be an
25 opportunity. And -- so it can only be seen as a

1 hypothetical possibility.

2 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And just
3 to make it clear, in the bottom right-hand corner of
4 slide 145, when we see, "Later Conawapa," that's a Plan
5 14 if we want to make our own personal notes.

6 Is that right?

7 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Sorry, could you
8 repeat the last one?

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: At the bottom --
10 bottom right-hand it -- it says, "Keeyask 2019." So we
11 start on the left-hand side with the interconnect, and
12 it talks about the sales. And then on the right-hand
13 column it says, "Later Conawapa."

14 That's a variation of Plan 14, because
15 Plan 14 had the WPS investment also?

16 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: So throughout here
17 where -- where we use the word 'later', we mean it's a
18 later decision. So the intent when -- on -- on Path 5
19 way was that -- Path 5 way -- path 5 is that -- that
20 the -- the assumption in there is that -- well, again,
21 it's not guaranteed, but that WPS -- that we would do
22 Conawapa. And then we would -- WPS would be part of
23 that, assuming that Manitoba Hydro didn't change its
24 mind.

25 And then, secondly, if we did not want

1 to proceed with Conawapa, then we'd go to gas
2 generation. And the assumption is that probably WPS
3 would want to carry on, being able to serve, say, from
4 Keeyask. But that's not guaranteed.

5 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And the
6 gas generation, that's Pathway 5, Plan 5.

7 Is that right?

8 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I have to check the
9 numbers because I am -- I don't remember the numbers as
10 well as everybody else in the room seems to. Yes.

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you.

12 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Wojczynski, I
13 guess I'm going to go back to your statement and -- in
14 respect of the Preferred Plan. And I guess -- I don't
15 want to belabour the point, but it suggests to me that
16 what you're suggest -- what you're proposing here is
17 that you would continue to maintain the in-service date
18 for Conawapa of 2026.

19 In other words, you would continue
20 developing -- you would continue investing to maintain
21 the in-service date on Conawapa?

22 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: What -- as we've
23 said in the submission and as we depicted, there's a
24 big diagram showing the pathway. But I won't go to
25 that because it's -- it's too complicated for this

1 discussion here. Is that our -- our plan would be
2 that, subject to what falls out of this process of the
3 NFAT and the government decisions, but let's assume for
4 the moment for discussion if we're in Pathway 5, that
5 Keeyask and the 750 megawatt line is -- is approved by
6 the government, because that -- that is Pathway 5, that
7 our plan would be for the upcoming year that we're
8 already entering into, that we would continue to
9 undertake the studies this summer, this fall, this
10 winter for Conawapa 2026. And now it may be that it
11 slips to '27, depending on -- on a lot of factors, but
12 still that would be planning for the early Conawapa in-
13 service date.

14 And then next year when we do our power
15 resource planning exercise, we would evaluate all the
16 conditions at the time. And if -- if conditions are
17 favourable, including the export negotiations and
18 there's no surprises on export prices and things, let's
19 just say they continue as they are now to keep it
20 simple, we -- we would -- we would -- the thinking is
21 we'd carry on planning on Conawapa.

22 On the other hand, if there were reasons
23 to want to defer Conawapa, we could make that decision
24 at that time and slow it down. But we would --
25 annually, as part of our power resource planning

1 exercise, review the economics and -- and the schedule
2 and everything for Conawapa. Or -- and for --
3 presumably we're also going to revisit DSM every year,
4 as well. And we'd also revisit the economics of gas
5 and the new export contracts Mr. Cormie is bringing
6 forward, all -- all those parameters. And that's part
7 of our annual process.

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: So in terms of the --
9 the issue that the panel is called upon to address with
10 the government, we are expected to address the
11 Preferred Development Plan which you, I think, have now
12 redefined. I've heard you redefined the Preferred
13 Development Plan to be Keeyask/750 followed by
14 Conawapa, and increased DSM.

15 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes. The -- the
16 increased DSM for us is implicit in all the plans, but,
17 yes.

18 THE CHAIRPERSON: And -- and the date
19 that we should be using for the Conawapa project is --
20 is 2026?

21 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: The -- the current
22 date is 2026, but I think the panel -- I would suggest
23 that this panel -- on behalf of Manitoba Hydro, I would
24 suggest to this panel that -- that in its deliberation,
25 it consider that -- that we may, for various reasons,

1 find that it's necessary or advantageous to defer
2 Conawapa.

3 So it's not necessarily '26. It -- it
4 could slip to '27 or '28 for example. And that's
5 entirely possible, so it's not that it's absolutely
6 fixed at 2026. It won't be any earlier.

7 MS. MARILYN KAPITANY: Mr. Cormie, can
8 I just clarify. On this page 145 that we were just
9 looking at, the last column where it says, "Later
10 Conawapa or gas."

11 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes.

12 MS. MARILYN KAPITANY: I think I heard
13 you say that for the three-o-eight (308) sale to WPS
14 that it would have to be committed by 2029, not that it
15 would have to be in service by 2029.

16 Is that correct?

17 MR. DAVID CORMIE: That -- that's
18 correct. If --

19 MS. MARILYN KAPITANY: Thank you.

20 MR. DAVID CORMIE: -- if Manitoba Hydro
21 hasn't committed by 2029 to build the station,
22 Wisconsin has the right to terminate the agreement.

23 MS. MARILYN KAPITANY: Thank you.

24 MR. DAVID CORMIE: And so does Manitoba
25 Hydro. And then there's another condition that says if

1 we don't have units in service by 2031 -- so if for
2 some reason we've committed and we're -- we're going
3 down that path, and we decide this project is no longer
4 -- is too expensive and we -- and we stop building and
5 we haven't put in service a fourth unit at Conawapa, at
6 that point the contract can be terminated, as well.

7 So you can actually imagine a scenario
8 where we'd start construction, and for some reason, you
9 know, we aren't going to go through with this. I don't
10 know what that risk is, but it would have to be pretty
11 significant.

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13 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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15 CONTINUED BY MR. ANTOINE HACAULT:

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And is there any
17 other questions of the panel? Okay. And hopefully I'm
18 getting my numbers right. If we're still looking at
19 the slide before us from page -- slide 145, when we
20 were talking over the last ten (10) or fifteen (15)
21 minutes of a possible decision not to proceed with
22 Conawapa because of some adverse condition which we
23 don't know yet, that would actually put us back into
24 Pathway 4, which does not include the 308 WPS sale if
25 we...

1 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: It would only put
2 into Pathway 4 if in -- well, that at some future date
3 WPS decided that, no, they did not want to have the new
4 hydro come from Keeyask instead of Conawapa.

5 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And in Pathway 4,
6 one of the plans that we were looking at was called
7 Plan number 6, if we go to slide 88?

8 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes. Yes.

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So Plan number 6
10 would have us do Keeyask right away. And instead of
11 Conawapa, I know there's been some changes because of
12 the DSM, et cetera, but it shows gas coming into play
13 at 2031 with a bigger intertie, correct?

14 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I'm going to move
16 on to another subject area. It's going to be to better
17 understand the construction costs, how the current
18 estimates fit into the sensitivity analysis. And to do
19 that...

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21 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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23 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: The first
24 reference that I have is Tab 2, which is the -- an
25 extract of the transcript that's page 15 of our book of

1 documents. And at line 5, this is the transcript of
2 March 3 and Scott Thomson's address to this Board.

3 Line 5, he had this to say:

4 "What -- what I can say to you today
5 is that the general civil contract
6 price is higher than what we had
7 estimated."

8 And then, later on, he continues to say:

9 "We have found [this is at line 14]
10 the benefit of greater -- greater
11 confidence around the Keeyask cost
12 estimate."

13 So at that time, we hadn't had the
14 updated numbers, correct?

15 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: 'We' meaning this
16 hearing process?

17 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yes.

18 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: No, this hearing
19 process didn't. Ms. -- President Thomson had the
20 benefit of the analysis we'd done with the proxy
21 capital costs, which are very close to the final ones.

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: But the one (1)
23 thing -- and this is you. It would be at page 17 of
24 our book of documents. This is testimony by you, Mr.
25 Wojczynski. At line 15 you were explaining that the

1 big shifts you felt had happened. And you've had many
2 -- have done many things that caused Manitoba Hydro to
3 have more confidence in these costs compared to
4 Wuskwatim.

5 Do you recall saying that?

6 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Now, that process
8 actually -- that learning process had actually been
9 completed as far as Wuskwatim by the time you had
10 reached your \$10.2 billion cost estimate, coright --
11 correct?

12 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Ten -- you're
13 talking about Conawapa now?

14 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Cona --

15 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: You said, "10.2
16 billion."

17 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Ten point two
18 (10.2), that's right. And it also occurred prior to
19 you finalizing the six point two (6.2) cost estimate
20 for Keeyask, correct?

21 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Our learnings for
22 Wuskwatim, I would say the majority of those had
23 happened from -- well, we -- when we prepared those
24 earlier estimates. I would suggest we're probably
25 still learning, but -- but the majority has, yes.

1 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Just -- just to add to
2 that, so I think what you're referring to is that the -
3 - it's Mr. Bowen, Dave Bowen, in the back. The stress
4 test that occurred in 2012, which was the basis of the
5 NFAT submission, that stress test incorporated the
6 current -- the complete Wuskwatim project and our
7 lessons learned at that time, so it's correct.

8 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: But I'm trying to
9 better understand by the time we had our 6.2 billion
10 for Wuskwatim -- sorry, Keeyask. I said, "Wuskwatim."
11 Keeyask; sorry for getting mixed up on that.

12 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I get more mixed up
13 than you are, so you're doing very well.

14 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I'm trying to
15 understand if I've heard you say correctly, what things
16 do you think you hadn't learned with -- by the time you
17 hit the six point two (6.2) Keeyask estimate?

18 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I think you're
19 asking what had we not learned with the 6.2 billion
20 estimate that we learned for the six point seven (6.7)
21 -- or 6.5 billion estimate?

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: No.

23 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Is that your
24 question?

25 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Sure, you can

1 answer that.

2 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Well, I'm not sure
3 if that was your question. Okay. Maybe you could
4 rephrase your quest -- could you ask your question
5 again?

6 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I -- I understood
7 your testimony in a very general way, sir, to be that
8 for Wuskwatim, there's a whole bunch of things that
9 happened that really, during the construction, caused
10 you to reconsider how to do the estimate for Keeyask.

11 Am I correct so far?

12 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And my
14 understanding is that that lesson was -- and the
15 insight from that lesson was all incorporated in the
16 \$6.2 billion estimate for Keeyask.

17 Am I correct so far?

18 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Let's say -- yes.

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So what I was
20 trying to determine incrementally is what, after
21 Keeyask lesson, did we learn that helps us with respect
22 to both the Keeyask and Conawapa estimates?

23 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: So after we did the
24 \$6.2 billion Wusk -- Keeyask estimate, what other
25 lessons learned were utilized in the next estimate? A

1 major one, and I -- I think I'll make a brief
2 commentary, but I think I'll turn to Mr. Bowen to -- to
3 expand on it, is when we did the earlier estimate, we
4 had not yet fully progressed on the KIP infrastructure
5 and on the environmental processes, but I don't think
6 that's as major.

7 The major one is we have the general
8 civil contract in hand and we have a number of other
9 contracts, which Mr. Bowen can expand on if you like,
10 that we did not have earlier that we have now. The --
11 the biggest one being the general civil, but there are
12 others as well.

13 The other thing is in the estimate, we
14 enhanced the estimating process through dealing with
15 the labour productivity uncertainty, and there was some
16 research done in -- in the Canadian -- another large
17 Hydro construction area that told us that -- that we
18 should enhance what we're doing and -- and all the
19 other Canadian utilities are doing now as well using
20 what's called systemic risks as opposed to just project
21 risks, and Mr. Bowen talked about that in some length
22 the other day.

23 So those are -- plus we're a few years
24 further down the road since we did that estimate,
25 including work at Pointe du Bois, so we just have more

1 general information over the last two (2) or three (3)
2 years. I -- I don't know if Mr. Bowen has anything to
3 add to that?

4 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Just to touch on a few
5 things and -- and highlight what Mr. Wojczynski stated.
6 So again, when we developed our 2012 stress test, which
7 formed the basis of the NFAT analysis, some of the key
8 learnings we had from the Wuskwatim project was --
9 number 1 was the -- how to deal with the labour risk.

10 So we developed a labour reserve to
11 basically -- the -- the basis of labour risk is that
12 there's a -- a decrease -- decrease in supply of craft
13 labour throughout -- throughout Canada. That's been --
14 that's been occurring for -- for a number of years now.
15 It gets -- it gets amplified at Northern project sites.

16 So -- so then what happened to us in
17 Wuskwatim, we had less product. We -- the -- the rate
18 of -- the rate of work that we expected was lower than
19 -- than what was anticipated, which -- which caused
20 increased costs for labour, but it also increased -- it
21 also meant we were there longer. We -- we did finish
22 the project one (1) month later than our original in-
23 service date, but -- but we had hoped to finish much
24 earlier than that in our original plans.

25 So -- so being there, you know, at site

1 longer causes additional costs for Hydro for the
2 contractors to -- to be securing a count. So that's
3 been incorporated. We -- we incorporated the
4 escalation. Escalation in the 2000s is -- is now --
5 it's basically -- it doesn't -- it no longer follows
6 the Canadian price -- consumer price index, so we've
7 incorporated a -- a escalation reserve to -- to deal
8 with that risk.

9 Those are -- those are two (2) big
10 factors in our estimate, and -- and Mr. Wojczynski
11 touched on the systemic risk in our contingency
12 analysis. The -- the part that -- that we -- we never
13 know until we close a contract is what's -- how's the
14 market going to price our job?

15 So what happened December? Again,
16 December 6th of this past year, we closed our general
17 civil contract. The -- the price we anticipated in our
18 point estimate was -- was lower than what -- what the
19 contractors gave us. That the -- the main -- again,
20 the main difference is for our cost increase, where
21 we've increased our control budget from 6.2 to \$6.5
22 billion, basically, about two hundred (200) and -- a
23 little over \$200 million. That is base cost increase.

24 So -- so the main reasons for that is
25 that we had higher general and civil costs. We also

1 added in post-construction adverse effects, which --
2 which caused an increase in our -- in our estimate. We
3 didn't have those in the original -- in the six point
4 two (6.2) number, and we changed our -- our -- we
5 realized that we're not going to be able to staff our
6 construction site team with Manitoba Hydro personnel,
7 and it -- it's much more costly to -- to augment that
8 staff with -- with non-Hydro staff.

9 So those are -- those are the drivers
10 for -- for why the cost changed.

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you very
12 much for that explanation. I kind of need to move
13 along, but I'm trying to see whether there's a shortcut
14 to -- to have a -- a document or expla -- explanation
15 with respect to that.

16 In prior hearings, there were documents
17 called 'Capital Project Justifications', and we saw one
18 (1) for Bipole, and that document was fairly complete
19 in providing information with what the estimates and
20 the components of the estimates were and how they
21 changed, and they were signed off by various levels of
22 the Corporation.

23 Does that kind of document exist with
24 respect to the two (2) updated estimates for Keeyask
25 and Conawapa?

1 MR. DAVE BOWEN: I could -- I could
2 speak to that. We haven't -- we haven't completed our
3 -- our capital project justifications, simply because
4 we've just finished our estimate updates. It does take
5 a -- a little bit of time to -- to complete that
6 process.

7 We have provided a complete, fairly
8 detailed variance analysis to the -- the independent
9 cost consultant part of the -- this hearing, but if
10 there -- if there is a requirement to provide a -- a
11 high-level variance explanation from outlining those
12 costs, I don't see why that's -- I -- I don't see why
13 we couldn't do that, so.

14 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Could you --

15 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: But that would not
16 be the CPJ itself, but it would provide the information
17 we think you're looking for.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. Could
19 you undertake, and I'll repeat the undertaking, is to
20 provide an explanation with respect to both the
21 Conawapa and Keeyask increases containing information
22 similar to what would be in the CPJ, that being an
23 explanation of the differences and the reasons for
24 difference? Will that work?

25 MS. MARLA BOYD: I think just to be

1 clear, I'd -- I'd prefer to use the words that Mr.

2 Bowen offered you, which was a high-level variance

3 explanation, but I think we're on the same page.

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5 --- UNDERTAKING NO. 43: Manitoba Hydro to provide a

6 high level variance

7 analysis of revised capital

8 costs relating to Keeyask

9 and Conawapa

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11 CONTINUED BY MR. ANTOINE HACAULT:

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. So my

13 formulation would be modified by taking out similar to

14 CPJ, and reference to a high level explanation. Is

15 that okay?

16 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Yes.

17 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: If we could go

18 to...

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22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I'd rather just

23 keep the transcript, and if we have an issue, we'll

24 discuss it with Manitoba Hydro. I really need to move

25 along. I've only got about three-quarters (3/4s) of an

1 hour.

2 If we could go to page 29 of our
3 document book? The first issue I'd like to look at is
4 the heading, 'B' as in 'Bob', base cost including sub-
5 cost.

6 Have you found that?

7 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Yes, I'm there.

8 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And the first
9 thing is under the little 'I', it says, "2012." It's
10 my understanding that these are the values that were
11 inputted into the model, correct?

12 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Yes. Yes, item B base
13 cost is -- is meant to be a comparison of the increase
14 in base cost dollars using the economic analysis.

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So that for
16 Keeyask, which is the slide we're looking at, the
17 reference value for the base cost portion of it was
18 4.39 billion, correct?

19 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Yes, that's correct.
20 I should note that the base cost -- I'm just reading
21 this slide here, it -- it does include sunk, as well,
22 so the four point three-nine (4.39) would include the
23 sunk costs.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Understood, yeah.
25 And the -- the analysis doesn't include the sunk costs.

1 Thank you for that correction. Now, two (2) things.

2 The '14 -- or, 2014 update, if I look at
3 the numbers between low and ref, in 2012, we have a
4 difference between the 4.39 billion going to a low of
5 four point zero-seven (4.07) for a change of about 320
6 million, agreed?

7 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Yes.

8 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And this gets to
9 one (1) of the questions the chairperson was asking.
10 If I look for the 2014 update, we start at four point
11 nine-five (4.95) ref, agreed?

12 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Yes.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And the variance
14 to the low is four point three-six (4.36), for a
15 difference of 59 -- or 590 million. So there's a wider
16 spread now, even though you have the civil contract
17 entered into.

18 MR. DAVE BOWEN: That's right. I -- I
19 did make -- when I did present this on -- on Monday, I
20 did make note that the -- the ranges between the low to
21 the reference, and the reference to the high are
22 greater than they were in the -- in our original
23 submission.

24 The -- the reason for that -- the reason
25 for the increase in range is due to the syst -- amount

1 of systemic risk in the model, so the -- the amount of
2 systemic risk is -- is driving that increase of range.

3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And have we moved
4 from the -- I want to say P10 parameter in the 2014
5 update?

6 MR. DAVE BOWEN: The -- the low,
7 reference, and high are equivalent to the -- the P10 as
8 low, the reference is P50, and the high is P90.

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. Now, we
10 saw some of the impact of these changed numbers, so in
11 the 2012 analysis -- and I appreciate it includes sunk
12 costs, and -- we had shown \$4.87 billion as a base cost
13 high scenario, correct?

14 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Correct.

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So it was
16 intended to show that that \$4.87 billion number had a
17 P90 certainty, correct?

18 MR. DAVE BOWEN: The -- the 2012
19 derivation of the -- of the high was based on the P50,
20 plus the deterministics of the unfactored labour
21 reserve risk. That's -- that was the methodology used
22 in the analysis when we -- when we did the submission.

23 Since that time -- well, in the last
24 month we've basically looked at the -- we've
25 incorporated the labour risk into our contingency

1 curve. And we've -- we've modelled it within our
2 curve, which we thinks a -- it's an important, so that
3 you'll -- basically, you'll see here is that the -- if
4 you look into line A under 'Key variables' for the
5 labour reserve, the -- the effect of adding the labour
6 reserve risk to the contingency curve is that it -- it
7 raises the low and the reference by approximately \$190
8 million. And -- and so that's the -- that's the effect
9 there.

10 But I just wanted to point out that --
11 that one (1) change in methodology which we think is an
12 improvement.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: But the initial
14 thought was that the four point eight-seven (4.87) was
15 still equivalent to P90 certainty, correct? Well,
16 that's how you arrived at it.

17 But that's what the intent was, was to
18 communicate a certainty of P90, correct?

19 MR. DAVE BOWEN: We -- we never put a
20 value on it, but it -- it was equivalent -- it was our
21 high value, the equivalent to our P90 to date.

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And now
23 you've changed your reference to actually be higher, at
24 four point nine-five (4.95), in your update than was
25 projected in your filings in August?

1 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Yes, both -- if you
2 compare the -- the base cost difference between
3 reference of 20 -- 2012 to the reference -- pardon me,
4 the -- the high of 2012, which is the four point eight-
5 seven (4.87), to the reference in -- in our current
6 update the reference is slightly higher. You could
7 compare that on both the base cost difference and the
8 in-service cost difference.

9 The in -- in-service cost difference,
10 the high from 2012 moves from six point three-three
11 (6.33) to six point three-five (6.35) to the reference.

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So is it fair to
13 say that if we look at the total in-service costs
14 modelled in the analysis at five point seven-one
15 (5.71), appreciating that includes sunk costs, which
16 those are certain.

17 You know they're not going to vary,
18 correct?

19 MR. DAVE BOWEN: I'm -- I'm not sure I
20 understand your point.

21 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. The -- the
22 model doesn't include, I guess, or didn't -- that
23 you've presented with the 2012 values, because we've
24 seen updates, it didn't include the certainty of the
25 sunk costs.

1 The sunk costs are certain, correct?

2 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Yes.

3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And with the
4 certain sunk costs, we had a total number of 5.71
5 million as a rough value in your model, correct?

6 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Yes.

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So there was a
8 portion, the portion which was sunk costs, which was
9 certain?

10 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Correct.

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: That's not
12 varying? Just like in all your models that baseline of
13 sunk costs is excluded so that is a certain number?

14 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Yeah. I just want to
15 make sure we're -- we're on the same page. So we --
16 our sunk costs -- we have our spent to date. So our
17 spent to date -- so the -- the 2012 stress test was
18 based on spent to date as of March 31st, 2012. And --
19 and the current revised number includes our spent to
20 date as of December 31st, 2013. So -- so we are
21 certain of those numbers. Our -- our projections
22 thereon to sunk, they're still -- they're what we're
23 forecasting, we're fairly certain of.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. Thank you.
25 I'll move on. Sorry to be a bit rushed, and I don't

1 mean to cut you off. If -- if you need to explain
2 things at a later time, I'll try and do my best, but
3 I'm supposed to finish at 2:30. If we flip onto page
4 30, that's the Conawapa details.

5 And you can see in the bottom right-hand
6 corner the total in-service costs at the high point was
7 estimated to be ten point seven-six (10.76), correct?

8 MR. DAVE BOWEN: Yes.

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And the revised
10 estimate, that was the number ten point seven-six
11 (10.76) in August of 2013.

12 And now the revised high has gone up by
13 about \$1.72 billion?

14 MR. DAVE BOWEN: That's right. And
15 it's -- it's -- the same methodology and the same
16 rationale that was used for the Keeyask cost estimate
17 applies here.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And then if we...

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Just a quick
23 question. With respect to -- if we go back to Keeyask,
24 by the time you hit the estimate at 6.2 billion, would
25 you -- what level of tender or estimate security do you

1 have at that point in time? I don't know if I've
2 explained that correctly. If you have a very
3 preliminary estimate you might have a range of 50
4 percent.

5 By the time you hit six point two (6.2),
6 what was the Company's expectation on -- on the
7 variation?

8 MR. DAVE BOWEN: The -- the expectation
9 on the variation was -- was defined in our -- in our
10 analysis. That was our -- that was our -- our best
11 estimate at the time as to what that variation would
12 be.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: If I could turn
14 to page 35 of the book of documents, that might help
15 explain what I was looking at, what kind of class of
16 estimate -- at the bottom of the page for the document
17 manager.

18 By the time you hit the six point two
19 (6.2) estimate, where would you have put that estimate
20 of \$6.2 billion?

21 MR. DAVE BOWEN: In terms of the
22 estimate classification table here, when -- we -- we
23 estimated -- our -- our opinion was that we were
24 between a Class 2 and a Class 3. We have -- and that's
25 what we had in our submission.

1 When we look at the class of estimate
2 ranges here, we brought back -- recently brought back
3 our -- in our contingency consultant to rerun our
4 analysis. When you -- when you -- I would just
5 caution. When you use this table, and we've been
6 cautioned by our -- our consultant, who is one of the -
7 - the main authors of the -- the AAEC cost report -- or
8 the recommended practices, is that in order to reach a
9 Class 3 it's -- it's basically if you don't reach all
10 the criteria, you don't make the grade, so you can't
11 call yourself less than a Class -- a Class -- true
12 Class 3 unless you meet all those requirements such as
13 level of project definition, level of your project
14 management team, et cetera, et cetera.

15 So -- so although it was our thoughts
16 were we're a two (2)/ three (3), really we're at a
17 Class 3.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So at Class 3,
19 the low end would be -- should have been in your
20 analysis, am I correct, a range of minus 10 to minus 20
21 percent from your budget?

22 And on the high end as to how much
23 higher it might go, it should have been 10 percent to
24 30 percent, according to this table?

25 MR. DAVE BOWEN: I would just caution

1 the use of the table. The purpose of the table was to
2 provide -- if -- if -- is to provide a proxy for where
3 you're at. The -- the recommended practice is to look
4 at your project, do your bottom-up costs, so -- so from
5 a first principle basis look at each of your costs,
6 build them up of things like rule of thumb, carry out a
7 contingency exercise representative of the risk on your
8 projects, and develop a contingency curve.

9 Once you do that exercise, it's
10 appropriate to look back in here to confirm that you're
11 within the range. But to use it for any -- a greater
12 purpose than that, I would -- I would caution anyone on
13 that.

14 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. If we
15 could go -- and I don't -- it's not in our book of
16 documents but Exhibit 95, slide 125. Slide 125 and
17 Exhibit 95.

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19 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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21 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I just want to
22 make it clear. That particular slide is still based on
23 the lower discount rate at 5.05 percent at a ref value
24 for a discount rate, correct?

25 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes, that's correct.

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: It also -- we
2 have to be careful to use this slide because it does
3 not take out the WPS investment, correct?

4 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: That's correct.

5 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And we
6 also have to be careful because it doesn't include the
7 enhanced DSM that the Corporation's intending to carry
8 out, correct?

9 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: That's right. The
10 purpose of redoing this was to show the impact on the
11 quilts of the increased cost to Keeyask and Conawapa.

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So if we go to
13 ref/ref/ref on this slide we see that Plan 14 comes out
14 at seven hundred and ninety-eight (798), correct?

15 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And if we flip
17 back to slide 123 for the document manager. We see in
18 the second line the difference of changing the capital
19 cost. It brings an NPV from one point six-nine--six
20 (1.696) down to seven ninety-eight (798).

21 And we just saw that number on the
22 previous slide, correct?

23 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And then if we
25 move to looking at what DSM does to the bottom number

1 of three seventy-four (374) we have to flip to slide
2 130, please, document manager. So we had -- on the
3 previous slide we had gone down with no WPS investment
4 with the construction costs updated and the 2013
5 assumptions.

6 So then Plan 14 we start on the bottom
7 left-hand side, at three seventy-four (374). And this
8 used to be the one point six-nine-six (1.696) number in
9 the original filing, correct?

10 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes. And that one
11 does not have a WPS investment in it, in the three
12 seventy-four (374).

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Correct. And
14 then if we move right to Level 2 DSM, which is what I
15 understand the Corporation to be shooting for, the Plan
16 14 goes down from the original one point six nine six
17 (1.696) NPV down to forty-five (45), correct?

18 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: That is correct,
19 without the pipeline load.

20 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And I won't go
21 through that. Mr. Williams identified some other --
22 the price of elastici -- elasticity number, which would
23 vary the numbers in brackets under the Level 2 DSM,
24 correct?

25 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes, it would.

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: It would lower
2 those numbers directionally, correct?

3 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes.

4 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I might add to
5 that, that, as we said, on slide 5 of the same deck,
6 Exhibit 95, that the -- we also didn't think that we
7 were going to do all of option 2, and that's what Mr.
8 Kuczek had indicated last week.

9 So while there would be some adjustment
10 on the load forecast that you said that indicated that
11 would reduce that slightly, I think that's more than
12 offset by not doing all of Level 2 DSM. So, you would
13 actually see an increase rather than a decrease from
14 this number once you've took that all together.

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16 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Now, I hate to
19 use your dust word. How much dust are we talking
20 about?

21 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I actually don't
22 remember using the word 'dust'. I talked about
23 rounding.

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25 (BRIEF PAUSE)

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: If we could flip
2 back to slide 126, please.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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6 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Now, you recall,
7 we started our discussion with the quilt at seven
8 ninety-eight (798).

9 We find that number in the bottom right-
10 hand side of that table, correct?

11 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes, we do.

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And we saw how
13 that seven ninety-eight (798) number was reduced by a
14 number of factors, including DSM factors, correct?

15 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And we had a
17 discussion -- or there was a discussion, I think,
18 between -- I don't know if it was Mr. Wojczynski and --
19 and Mr. Grant, or -- but about the -- one of the
20 important numbers being the expected value, correct?

21 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Yes.

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And
23 directionally, are we to expect that the expected
24 value, similar to what's shown on this table, will be
25 lower than the ref/ref/ref NPV?

1 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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3 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: You would expect so,
4 because we're not altering the -- the probabilities
5 associated with the other factors, the -- the energy
6 prices or the discount rates.

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Sorry, you
8 wouldn't expect?

9 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: We would expect that
10 it would -- that the expected value would be lower than
11 the ref/ref/ref, because we aren't altering the -- the
12 other probabilities and ranges.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. Now, am I
14 correct in understanding that the Corporation can't
15 give us -- or it would take a lot of work to give us an
16 expected value for all the numbers -- other numbers we
17 were looking for, because we had gone down to three
18 seventy-four (374), then we had gone down lower with
19 the DSM for the Preferred Plan.

20 Is it possible to give us the expected
21 values similar to what's on this table, but related to
22 -- we had looked at -- looked at slide 130, which gave
23 us base DSM at three seventy-four (374). That's lower
24 than our ref/ref/ref on this slide at seven ninety-
25 eight (798). And Level 1, which is kind of the minimum

1 that we hope to achieve with DSM, is at one twenty-four
2 (124).

3 If we have a ref/ref/ref value of one
4 twenty-four (124), do we have any idea whether the
5 expected value is zero or significantly negative?

6 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: We have not
7 undertaken the probabilistic analysis on the 2013
8 assumptions, and that is a significant effort.

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Is there anything
10 you can offer as useful information -- is it -- I'll
11 ask the question, for example, on slide 126, if we go
12 back to it, in Plan 14 we have a ref/ref/ref value of
13 seven ninety-eight (798). There is nearly \$500 million
14 of difference between the expected value and the
15 ref/ref/ref value.

16 Can I transpose that and say when I go
17 down to three seventy-four (374), my expected value
18 will roughly be \$500 million less?

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20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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22 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: I'm not sure of how
23 much assistance this will be, but if we consider the
24 two (2) categories for -- of energy prices and discount
25 rates, if -- between the 2012 assumptions and the 2013

1 assumptions, the energy prices for the 2012 adjusted
2 price forecast were lower than the 2013 price forecast
3 came in.

4 So from that perspective, and depending
5 on how we would recalculate the probabilities
6 associated with that data set, you could expect that
7 that would reduce that difference between the expected
8 value and reference value.

9 The discount rate between 2012 and 2013,
10 the reference value of that increased from five point
11 zero-five (5.05) to five point four (5.4), so that
12 would have -- that effect also could shrink that
13 difference between the two (2), depending again on --
14 on how we would have to look at it from the perspective
15 of the underlying drivers to get the probabilities
16 associated with that particular data set, and that --
17 and that's where a lot of the time-consuming work is.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: But the one thing
19 that's sure, whether we use ref/ref/ref, expected -- or
20 ref/ref/ref value of three seventy-four (374) for Plan
21 14, or even the one twenty-four (124), there would be
22 some number we'd have to subtract to come to the
23 expected value. We just don't know whether it's three
24 hundred (300), four hundred (400), or five hundred
25 thousand dollars (\$500,000), or what the number is,

1 correct?

2 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Million.

3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Oh.

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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7 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: It does start to
8 open up the door to -- to making like a -- to redoing
9 the entire analysis, and, you know, taking into
10 consideration other aspects of it, like the ability to
11 reduce risk on the plans with hydro by treating some of
12 the uncommitted firm sale -- firm dependable energy
13 with some -- some fixed prices associated with -- so
14 there's a -- there's a multitude of things that could
15 effect this yet, but in terms of these largest impacts,
16 just as an indicative thing, yes, I think that there
17 would be a difference between the ref/ref/ref and the
18 expected value, and the expected value would be in some
19 way lower.

20 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: But if I can
21 summarize, we don't expect the difference to be 500
22 million. I -- it wouldn't be smaller than that, so I
23 don't just do Level 1 DSM one twenty-four (124)
24 ref/ref/ref, and then subtract 500 million. It has to
25 be a number less than that, correct?

1 That's what I take from your discussion.

2 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: That -- that's
3 basically what -- what'd -- yes.

4 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. I'd like
5 to switch to another subject matter, drought, and page
6 48 in our book of documents.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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10 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: First, has
11 Manitoba Hydro had a chance to look at the table to see
12 whether the numbers have been correctly transcribed on
13 the table? This data was taken from Mani --
14 MIPUG/Manitoba Hydro -- sorry, page 47. I said forty-
15 eight (48), but I should be at page 47.

16 MR. TERRY MILES: I have not
17 specifically gone through and identified whether every
18 number was --

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay.

20 MR. TERRY MILES: -- transcribed
21 correctly.

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So can we --
23 subject to check, can at -- I at least proceed with the
24 discussion? Is that fair?

25 MR. TERRY MILES: That's fair. Yeah.

1 Okay.

2 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Because the
3 numbers, I understand, are based from a response from
4 Manitoba Hydro. The reference is at the bottom of the
5 table. Do you see that?

6 MR. TERRY MILES: Yeah, that's correct.
7 I -- I know the reference. Thank you.

8 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. The one
9 (1) thing that I wanted to look at, the table that this
10 was prepared from is a -- a whole bunch of data points
11 on drought, and that data is all -- is found later on
12 at this tab. I don't propose to go to it.

13 As I understand it, the data that was
14 provided would provide the effect on total net revenue
15 in each particular year. That was the table that was
16 provided. The details are on the next pages?

17 MR. TERRY MILES: Yeah, that's correct,
18 I believe, yeah.

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And the purpose
20 of this table was to look at All Gas and see what had
21 been expected ranges for droughts or the impacts of a
22 drought for All Gas as a reference point.

23 Do you see that, the first -- the first
24 table, left-hand side, top -- top left?

25 MR. TERRY MILES: Yeah.

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: It says, "All
2 Gas."

3 MR. TERRY MILES: I see that, yes.

4 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And then there's
5 the years 1987 to 1992. Does that correspond with the
6 five (5) year drought?

7 MR. TERRY MILES: The years correspond
8 with the five (5) year drought, yes.

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And --

10 MR. TERRY MILES: I -- I believe this
11 is all taken for one (1) load year out in time though,
12 and there is some -- some approximation in there --

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay.

14 MR. TERRY MILES: -- that I am aware of
15 and I think you're aware of, as well.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah. So
17 generally, it would give us some direction in a -- in a
18 very general way as to how the plans fare on that five
19 (5) year drought?

20 MR. TERRY MILES: I'd say that's fair,
21 yes.

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. So if we
23 look at Pathway 2, Plan 2, we see that there's a very
24 small variation set out in yellow of minus 1 -- 2
25 percent and 3 percent.

1 Do you see that?

2 MR. TERRY MILES: I see that.

3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And that's
4 the variance from the base case shown in the All Gas.
5 Does that seem right?

6 MR. TERRY MILES: Your -- just help me
7 understand what your base case is.

8 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: All Gas.

9 MR. TERRY MILES: All Gas low. So, for
10 example, in Plan 2, where you have low under the
11 Keeyask -- and in Plan 2, where you have the low column
12 and you have several numbers that are there compared to
13 Plan 1, under the low column, is that -- and you've
14 done the difference there?

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yes. Yes.

16 MR. TERRY MILES: That's what that is.
17 And -- okay.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So the Plan 4,
19 again, there's not much variance. If we compare the
20 numbers, there's not a huge variance in the variations.
21 Now, we've been talking about Plan 6. Again, the
22 variations vary from 2 percent to 8 percent.

23 Do you see that, compared to the All
24 Gas?

25 MR. TERRY MILES: I see that, yes.

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And
2 Pathway 14 has the largest variations of the ones that
3 we've been identifying in this hearing, correct, on a
4 dollar basis?

5 MR. TERRY MILES: Okay, I -- I see your
6 numbers, and by that -- under Plan 14, you're showing
7 higher percentages in yellow. Is that what you're
8 indicating by higher variances?

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yes, the
10 variances from the base case of an All Gas. The Plan
11 14, under a low scenario, would indicate a 16 percent
12 difference, which is, in real numbers, not that big,
13 actually. It's about -- it's less than 200 million.
14 Because we reference All Gas at one point two-two-zero
15 (1.220) in the low instance, and your Plan 14 has a bit
16 bigger number, it exposes the variance to 1.414
17 billion.

18 Do you see that?

19 MR. TERRY MILES: I see that, yeah.
20 And that's a good -- I think that's a good point. If -
21 - if I can -- to understand this a little bit better,
22 if I could get a -- hopefully explain something, and
23 maybe that'll help me understand this a little better
24 as well.

25 When we talk about low, reference, and

1 high, we're talking about a low energy price world, a
2 reference energy price world, and a high energy price
3 world.

4 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Correct.

5 MR. TERRY MILES: So when we're
6 comparing back to the All Gas Plan in any of these
7 scenarios -- so if you want the low scenario, you're
8 comparing back to a -- a world, if you will, that has
9 low energy prices under an All Gas plan. That would be
10 a world then where low energy prices -- we'd establish
11 rates and all those things under that particular world.

12 Under the reference prices, we'd
13 establish under that world; and under the high prices,
14 we'd establish -- high-price world we'd establish
15 rates, et cetera, under those worlds that are there.

16 So we think of the different plans that
17 we have here and how those different plans would behave
18 under those particular worlds and what we're comparing
19 to, I guess, and -- and think about what -- what that
20 means.

21 So if think of Plan 14 under that world
22 that we have, under a low energy price world, Plan 14
23 has a lot of hydro. So we've looked at the impacts
24 under a low energy price world. And where you show
25 variability, you have to think about where the starting

1 point is for those.

2 And under, for example, the -- even a
3 reference-price world, we have the -- the Plan 14
4 actually compared to All Gas as performing at a higher
5 NPV, if you will, or that. Under the high-price world,
6 we have the All Gas -- or the Preferred Development
7 Plan -- actually, that's one of the really strong
8 upside potentials there.

9 So when we talk about the revenue
10 differences, I think we have to think about what
11 baseline we're comparing to from that perspective as
12 well, when we talk about the differences.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And to me reading
14 this, I don't know if you'd agree or have a comment on
15 it, intuitively I thought that if we built two (2) big
16 plants that were subject to hydrology, that we would
17 have even wider variations and wider impacts than
18 what's shown here under Plan -- between an All Gas,
19 which is not water sensitive really, and our hydraulic
20 generating stations, which can be fairly sensitive to
21 water flows.

22 Is that a fair statement? I -- I
23 thought there was going to be a lot more difference
24 than -- than this, quite frankly.

25 MR. TERRY MILES: Yeah. I'd -- I'd

1 suggest that part of it is because there's a -- a solid
2 base, if you will, of the Hydro system in -- in behind
3 this. I don't have any other explanation other than
4 that.

5 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Now, the other --
6 the next slide, which I erroneously referenced
7 initially page 48 of our book of documents, we've had
8 some discussion of the variation in revenue. And let
9 me just -- I don't know if you were here in the last
10 GRA when this slide was presented, Mr. Miles.

11 Do you remember it? Or somebody else
12 may remember it.

13 MR. TERRY MILES: I remember it. I
14 think --

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah.

16 MR. TERRY MILES: -- I was here, yes.

17 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And can you
18 explain the difference between -- for example, if we
19 look around 1920 at the zero base, in that particular
20 year the Company would have earned a small net profit,
21 correct? There's a small green bar about -- above the
22 zero line?

23 Do you see that on the left-hand side?
24 A couple of years down the line, the green line goes
25 very close to the zero around 1920.

1 MR. TERRY MILES: I see that, yes.

2 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: In that year,
3 based on the calculations done by Manitoba Hydro, it's
4 my understanding in that year, even though it was a
5 drought year, there would have been a small profit
6 earned.

7 Is that correct?

8 MR. TERRY MILES: Can you just -- just
9 one (1) minute.

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11 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: While you're
14 looking at this, my understanding was the dotted line
15 is the zero in your SPLASH runs, and the SPLASH runs is
16 the mean outcome. It's not necessarily what the actual
17 financial statements show.

18 MR. TERRY MILES: It's not -- it's not
19 net income. It's -- it's net revenue is what -- is
20 what this is, not net income. So net flow-related
21 revenue.

22 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yes. Okay. And
23 the net flow related revenue in drought years we can
24 see some of them are actually below the zero line. We
25 would -- we actually lose money -- I'll back up a

1 little bit.

2 We've been talking in this proceeding
3 about mean flows. Do you agree, based on a previous
4 review of this slide, that would be represented by the
5 dotted line on this graph?

6 MR. TERRY MILES: So when we in our
7 long-term forecasts -- so in our integrated financial
8 forecasts, when we capture extraprovincial revenues,
9 and we say that we -- our -- our forecast or projection
10 of extraprovincial revenues in load year, this would be
11 load year 2013/'14 out in time, and we say that we take
12 the average of all the revenues, or the net revenues of
13 all the flow conditions, this particular chart here
14 would reflect the range of flow, range of net revenues
15 that we would calculate out of SPLASH model for each of
16 those water years from 1912, the ninety-nine (99)
17 years, 1912; 2006 I'm assuming, or 2007. And we would
18 take the average of all of those.

19 The dash line on this chart, if I
20 understand, represents the average of those that would
21 be in the -- in the forecast. So that's what we would
22 base our forecast on. And that would be a -- and that
23 is how we assess what the average revenue would be in a
24 particular year going forward, recognizing that anyone
25 of those flow conditions is potentially possible, and

1 an average -- we would expect to get an average of
2 those.

3 These net revenues -- you know what,
4 I'll let you continue with your discussion.

5 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. I don't
6 want to belabour the point, but if -- I just wanted to
7 make it clear when we were talking about a variation in
8 net income, that it was different than whether or not
9 the Corporation actually suffered a loss or had a small
10 net profit. Those two (2) concepts were different.

11 The actual losses and actual profits are
12 shown by the zero baseline and a variation from that,
13 and the calculations that are done on the averaging is
14 a difference of a line that's higher, which is shown by
15 the dotted line. Does that make sense?

16 MR. TERRY MILES: Yeah, it does. Yeah,
17 more or less. Yeah.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So that in prior
19 GRAs, for the members that weren't part of it, in years
20 where the Corporation actually -- if you look at some
21 of the green lines are slightly higher than the zero
22 line, there would be a small profit, correct?

23 MR. TERRY MILES: So if -- if in
24 2013/'14, if that was the case and it was a number of
25 years back, and on average we were suggesting that the

1 revenue -- net revenue might be whatever it is in this
2 chart, or about say \$70 million, and we got to that
3 year, and in fact we had a flow year that was -- flow
4 year that resulted in -- in revenues higher -- a flow
5 year, I guess, that was better than that year, we might
6 make a profit in that year versus a -- we may have a
7 larger average revenue than -- than what was shown on
8 this chart.

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you.

10 MR. TERRY MILES: Is that what you're
11 getting at, Mr. --

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah.

13 MR. TERRY MILES: -- Hacault?

14 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah. So when
15 we're talking variations and impact of a drought, the
16 line that we're using is the dotted line because we're
17 measuring from the average revenues.

18 We're not measuring actual losses,
19 correct?

20 MR. TERRY MILES: When we go forward,
21 so at -- if -- if you're getting at, Mr. -- Mr.
22 Hacault, is that when we do our drought analysis, so
23 the drought analysis that we find, when we say the
24 impact of a lost revenue in a -- in a drought is the
25 lost revenue that's demonstrated in this -- in the

1 drought here, the -- you showed the 1988 to 1992 flow
2 year, if that year returns and that would represent a
3 year of below-average flow conditions, we would use
4 that as a representation of our five (5) year drought.
5 And if we took those revenues off of the revenues that
6 we would have projected, those then are the revenues
7 that we would have.

8 So it is a matter of where you start
9 from. So on a forecast going forward, if we forecast
10 based on the average unit revenues out in time that's
11 there, we then would subtract the revenues that we
12 would have been forecasting from the revenues that we
13 would have expected to lose in those particular years
14 under the drought.

15 That's how we carry our -- carry it out.
16 It is important as the -- as the baseline that you
17 measure from -- down from and it does depend on where
18 you start from.

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. And
20 I'll move on to the next point. The only point I
21 wanted to make is that we don't start -- some people
22 are thinking we're talking about a variance in -- in
23 income. It isn't net losses. We're talking a variance
24 from what we thought the average revenue was going to
25 be. And there's --

1 MR. TERRY MILES: And -- and that's --
2 and that's important, Mr. Hacaault, because --

3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah.

4 MR. TERRY MILES: -- we plan in the
5 future. Those are the revenues -- or incremental
6 revenues, or revenues that we plan on having in the
7 Corporation to set things like rates, et cetera. So if
8 we are setting our future projections based on those
9 and we do not achieve those because of a -- a drought,
10 that is the baseline that we're measuring.

11 We're planning to have that revenue, if
12 you will. And the revenue that we do plan for going
13 forward, being the average of -- it's really the
14 average of the net production costs that are out there.
15 So it's the average of export revenues that we may get.
16 It's the average of production costs from running the
17 thermal units under a drought.

18 So in any given flow year that we have
19 going forward, if it is a lower flow year that's here,
20 the lowest of flow years on this chart will have a
21 considerable amount of import, so that's a cost to us.
22 It will have a significant amount of running of our
23 thermal generation, which is a cost. And there will be
24 some revenues associated with that as well -- or less
25 revenue in that year.

1 So when every given year you add up the
2 costs that are there and the revenues that are there
3 and you take the average of all of those years
4 throughout, what we end up with is a value that
5 accounts for revenues in higher flow years, it accounts
6 for costs in lower flow years, and those get averaged
7 out into the number that we are projecting.

8 So when you go out one (1), or two (2),
9 or three (3) years it's possible to have a high flow
10 year. It's possible to have a low flow year. So on
11 average you can expect some revenues and you can expect
12 some costs. And we account for those in our
13 forecasting going forward and that's what we plan for
14 in terms of the revenues that we have and in terms of
15 the way then that we set our rates, et cetera.

16 So any change from that needs to be a
17 reduction from that. And that's how we carry out our -
18 - our analysis.

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. Mr.
20 Chairman, I had some other areas that I wanted to
21 cover, but other counsel need to ask questions. There
22 is only, if I'm looking at the priority of what I want
23 to deal with, I -- I have something that I think would
24 take three (3) or four (4) -- maybe -- it depends if I
25 quick answers or not, on the curtailable program as

1 part of -- of this consideration. And so that's -- it
2 involved two (2) pages in our book of documents, page
3 58 and 59.

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Please proceed.

5

6 CONTINUED BY MR. ANTOINE HACAULT:

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: If we could turn
8 to page 59. Maybe Mr. Cormie is the best to answer
9 this. We had talked about the role of curtailable in
10 the previous panel. And I just wanted to have you
11 explain with respect to Option E shown here, what's --
12 how can Manitoba Hydro use the Option E, which allows
13 it to curtail for up to ten (10) days for three (3)
14 separate times during the calendar years.

15 How can that be used by Hydro?

16 MR. DAVE CORMIE: The thinking behind
17 designing that option was to assist us during a period
18 of extreme weather, or during a period that the power
19 system is experiencing a -- an outage. Let's say we
20 were in a drought. The 500 kV line, and we were
21 importing on that, it went -- it went out of service
22 for -- for maintenance outage, or for -- for whatever
23 reason, that we could curtail load for up to ten (10)
24 days. And that's -- that's what it was used for --

25 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay.

1 MR. DAVID CORMIE: -- was to get
2 through unanticipated system operating events.

3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And this program
4 has been in place for, I think, a couple decades. Is
5 that fair?

6 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Has it been that
7 long? Yes. Mr. Wojczynski and I were on the -- in the
8 group that designed it, yes.

9 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes, I -- and that
10 was a long time ago.

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And my
12 understanding, it's still part of the plan going
13 forward to -- to have this available?

14 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes.

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Now, with respect
16 to Options A and 'C', I don't know if you can provide a
17 quick explanation of why that's there. And there's one
18 that's just a five (5) minute notice and one's an hour
19 notice.

20 How do those fit into Manitoba Hydro's
21 needs?

22 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Option A is very
23 useful. It gives us a quick response resource.
24 Customers are able to curtail their load quickly. And
25 we can use that in an emergency.

1 And Option C, less useful because to be
2 useful in an emergency, you actually have to anticipate
3 the emergency an hour in advance. And so it's really -
4 - it's really not very useful. And in all -- in -- in
5 all the years we've had that program, I don't believe
6 we've ever made an Option C curtailment.

7 We still have it in the program, but I -
8 - it -- it doesn't bring a lot of use and it doesn't
9 cost us really anything to have it in the program.

10 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And would I be
11 correct in categorizing the Option E as really an
12 energy option?

13 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes, it's a -- it's
14 -- it provides us an ability to reduce energy demand in
15 the system during emer -- emergency events.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And if we flip
17 back to page 58. There -- the customers aren't --
18 aren't identified, but one (1) customer in particular
19 has the ability to do an Option E at over 192 megawatts
20 average on peak?

21 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes, that's correct.
22 And I notice on the table there is an Option C
23 curtailment here, so I stand corrected.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. Now,
25 that energy, although you -- I think you agreed with me

1 that Customer 1 that provided the 'E' option, that was
2 kind of an energy type of option.

3 That 192 megawatts is not included in
4 the energy tables, I believe, planning?

5 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Are you asking: Do
6 we include curtailable in our planning? No we don't.

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And that's both
8 for energy and capacity that you don't include these,
9 correct?

10 MR. DAVID CORMIE: That's correct.

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. Thank you.

12 MR. DAVID CORMIE: If we had many
13 customers and there was diversity in our customer base,
14 then I think we could start counting on an average
15 amount.

16 But because the number of customers is
17 very small, to assume that that customer will continue
18 ten (10), fifteen (15), twenty (20) years to take
19 service under the program, whereas if we add a hundred
20 customers you would say, Well, some are going to come
21 and some are going to go. But because the customer
22 base is so small, we just don't see it as -- as meeting
23 our firm requirements.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So the
25 Corporation is taking a very conservative approach. If

1 there's been a customer there for twenty (20) years, it
2 assumes the customer won't exist next year, for
3 planning purposes?

4 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes, we're saying
5 that. And -- and we're also saying that we're not in a
6 capacity-short situation. So, you know, is -- if we're
7 building for capacity and we're capacity long, then in
8 the short-term, it doesn't really provide value. In
9 the very, very long-run, we still see ourselves as
10 being energy dependent. So I don't know if it would
11 really change our plans whether we included it or not.

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Fair enough. I
13 won't continue, but is -- that's why I asked you the
14 question whether it was energy, and you said you're
15 energy dependent, and the Category E was energy.

16 But you've taken a conservative view of
17 the energy planning by not including companies that
18 have been there for a long time, correct?

19

20 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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22 MR. TERRY MILES: My -- my
23 understanding, Mr. Hacault, is that, in the long term,
24 there's no obligation for those customers to remain in
25 the program, and not necessarily any commitment or

1 guarantee that they'll be in the program ten (10) or
2 fifteen (15) years out in time, and I think, from a
3 planning perspective, when we look at what we can
4 reliably count on out -- out in time, that's -- that's
5 the perspective that we --

6 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Yeah. And I'll
7 just finish with this question. Do any of your DSM
8 programs have any guarantees that people will go in and
9 will continue to use and benefit from the programs,
10 sir?

11 MR. DAVID CORMIE: No, I don't -- I
12 don't think there is, but there's a large -- large
13 number of customers there, and so on -- as a cus -- as
14 a class, you could -- you could count on the -- the
15 only customer who actually has a take-or-pay obligation
16 is the long-term export customer.

17 They pay for it whether they take
18 delivery or not, and there's -- that's the only
19 customer we really have a revenue certainty under.

20 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I've exhausted
21 the grace of this Board and of other counsel. Thank
22 you.

23 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. I believe
24 that, unless there's some administrative matters to
25 attend to, we will adjourn -- we'll -- pardon me, we

1 will recess for ten (10) minutes. Thank you.

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3 --- Upon recessing at 2:40 p.m.

4 --- Upon resuming at 2:57 p.m.

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6 THE CHAIRPERSON: I would like to
7 resume. The -- the proceedings have resumed, so I
8 wonder if we could address the -- any administrative
9 matters that we need to address? Anything at all? If
10 not, then I'll turn the microphone over to you, Ms.
11 Saunders, please.

12 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Thank you, Mr.
13 Chair.

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15 CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS:

16 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Much of the
17 cross-examination that has been completed by the PUB
18 and other Intervenors has dealt with a number of
19 matters that are of importance to the MMF, but I do
20 have a few remaining areas that I would like to cover
21 with the panel.

22 My first set of questions relates to the
23 Manitoba-Minnesota transmission project on firstly the
24 US portion of the line. Oh, nothing needs to be up for
25 this portion, but thank you. I'll get to that

1 eventually.

2 So the US portion of the proposed new
3 interconnection, being referred to as the Great
4 Northern Transmission Line, you explained in your
5 direct, Mr. Cormie, that Minnesota Power is going to
6 build it, correct?

7 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes, I did.

8 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Yes. And
9 earlier in your testimony, you stated that the most
10 economic way to build the line is for Manitoba Hydro to
11 build and own the entire line. The benefits of
12 developing Conawapa are maximized under that scenario.

13 Is that correct?

14 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes, I said that.

15 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: You then said, A
16 better outcome is if somebody else comes along and
17 says, We will bear some of the costs of the line and
18 further, but it's a good deal even if we had to pay for
19 the whole cost of the line.

20 Is that correct?

21 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes. I agree with
22 that.

23 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: So from this, it
24 would be fair to say that, in your view, the line, no
25 matter which way, with Manitoba Hydro owning all or

1 owning part or none of it, has an economic outcome, and
2 a good one at that.

3 Is that fair to say?

4 MR. DAVID CORMIE: I believe it's a
5 good project, yes.

6 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: And then a clear
7 way of putting it was in your answers to questions from
8 panel member Kapitany.

9 You provided the analogy of a house. To
10 that extent, you have decided to build a house and pay
11 for the whole cost of the house, and to the extent you
12 have somebody come along and rent the house from you,
13 you get an additional income, and it makes your
14 investment in the house even better.

15 You recall that?

16 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes. I -- I think
17 my analogy was a little bit weak, because in this case,
18 we actually have somebody who's willing to pay for the
19 porch and the garage.

20 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. Thank
21 you.

22 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Not -- not just
23 renting it, but -- but paying for it and -- and getting
24 to use it for fifteen (15) years.

25 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. And then

1 you further indicated that Minnesota Power customers
2 aren't prepared to pay for more than what they need, so
3 Manitoba Hydro will pay for 60 percent, and you
4 indicate some of that will be recovered through the
5 power purchase agree -- arrangement.

6 You confirm that?

7 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes, the -- the
8 larger line allows us to enter into a power sale
9 agreement with Wisconsin Public Service, and -- and the
10 price that Wisconsin Public Service is paying is -- is
11 for delivered service. So there's -- there's
12 consideration in the price that Manitoba Hydro is
13 bearing the costs of that transmission.

14 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. And
15 Wisconsin Public Service was the only other reference
16 you had mentioned, correct?

17 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes.

18 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. You
19 indicated that Manitoba Hydro is in ongoing discussions
20 with other US transmission owners at this time who are
21 interested in assuming Manitoba Hydro's 49 percent
22 investment and ownership position, correct?

23 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes.

24 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: I can appreciate
25 that those discussions and the names of the utilities

1 may be confidential, but can you provide us with the
2 number of other utilities, specifically those utilities
3 other than Wisconsin Public Service, that Hydro has
4 been in discussions with, if any?

5 MR. DAVID CORMIE: We've discussed this
6 with several utilities, but we are in particular
7 discussions with one (1).

8 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: And you can't
9 speak to how long you've been in those discussions with
10 the several other utilities, or can you?

11 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Detailed -- detailed
12 discussions have been going on since about Christmas,
13 but in concept -- or in principle, the idea of Manitoba
14 Hydro being an owner of last resort has been around for
15 a -- a -- for -- for a long time, and probably several
16 years.

17 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay, thank you.
18 So in this arrangement as it is currently being
19 proposed, and in light of your comments, you can agree
20 that based on what we've heard, the arrangement brings
21 more certainty, say, for Minnesota ratepayers, and
22 essentially places Manitoba ratepayers in a more
23 uncertain position with respect to the ownership
24 structure of the US portion of the line?

25 MR. DAVID CORMIE: You know, Manitoba

1 Hydro sees this line providing significant benefits to
2 its customers in -- in a whole broad range of areas for
3 -- in perpetuity. And so, from our perspective, this
4 line is a strategic asset, and -- and to the extent
5 that someone is offered to build it, help pay for it in
6 -- in spite of the fact that they will receive some
7 benefit from it, it's a -- it's a good project, and I
8 don't think it exposes Manitoba Hydro's customers to
9 significant risk.

10 There's -- as my -- as my past boss, Mr.
11 Ken Adams who just retired would say, There's never
12 been a transmission line that Mr. Jacobson built for us
13 that hasn't paid for itself very quickly, and I would
14 think that that will be the case with the 750 kV line -
15 - 750 megawatt line.

16 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay.

17 MR. DAVID CORMIE: So I don't see it as
18 a -- as a -- a burden to the Manitoba Hydro ratepayer.
19 I see it as an opportunity that will help -- will --
20 will bring value long past the time that the Power
21 Purchase Agreement with Minnesota Power expires.

22 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: And, now you've
23 -- you've used the words 'burden' and 'opportunity' in
24 referring to your views of the project with respect to
25 potential impacts on Manitoba ratepayers, but in light

1 of our previous line of discussion where we went
2 through the -- the number of potential utilities that
3 Hydro's been in discussions with, and the fact that you
4 were only able to reference more certainly the Purchase
5 Agreement with the Wisconsin Public Service, does that
6 not create an uncertain position for Manitoba
7 ratepayers to be in?

8 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yeah, there -- there
9 is uncertainty in how much benefit there will be. I
10 think the project would be beneficial to the ratepayer
11 if we had to bear all the costs to the extent that a --
12 a third party comes along and pays for it or a third
13 party comes along and helps -- unburdens Manitoba Hydro
14 of the ownership risk.

15 That improves the amount of benefits
16 that the project -- it doesn't add -- add risk, it
17 reduces the risk of the project and it just makes it a
18 better project. It -- it -- yeah, I -- I don't see it
19 as -- as -- these activities don't harm the customer,
20 they -- they make it better.

21

22 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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24 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. And I do
25 not want to belabour the point, but in light of the

1 fact that we do not have confirmed details other than
2 the Wisconsin Public Service potential arrangements, we
3 currently have no others, and we are paying for a
4 significant portion of this line and we own a
5 significant portion of this line.

6 And while you say it won't harm...
7 Should I have just stayed back in the second row? They
8 told me to come here, that it would be better, and I...
9 Okay. I apologize, everyone. And, of course, I --
10 I've lost that train of thought on that one, but I'll -
11 - I'll try to return.

12 I -- I'd -- I -- I've been hoping to
13 explore this -- this idea of uncertainty, and -- and in
14 that, we have very few others than Wisconsin Public
15 Service who, at the present time, indicated their
16 interest to come in and take over the portion of this
17 line.

18 And you say, you know, the -- the burden
19 on Hydro in terms of costs and the investment will be
20 one that, you know, Manitobans will benefit from, but
21 at the present time, the uncertainties at the present
22 time, do present a risk for Manitoba ratepayers that,
23 say, when you consider the certainties that are
24 provided to Minnesota ratepayers under this
25 arrangement, there's -- there's clearly a difference

1 there.

2 Is that fair to say?

3 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Let me answer your
4 question in -- in this way. If it was -- if the only
5 benefit from the expo -- from the line were export
6 sales, and we only had one (1) customer lined up, and -
7 - and we were investing in this line, and -- and we've
8 only contracted for a -- a third (1/3) of it, and
9 there's two thirds (2/3s) left, that -- that would be
10 one (1) situation, but there's a -- a list of -- of
11 benefits that this line brings beyond just exports.

12 And we've talked about the -- the
13 increase in dependable energy that this line provides.
14 We've -- you'd talked -- Mr. Jacobson described the
15 increased reliability the line provides. There's less
16 contingency risk, reduced loss of load probability in
17 Manitoba. There's the -- the benefit of being able to
18 arbitrage more often on peak energy.

19 There's -- allows Manitoba Hydro to
20 enter into capacity back sales with Wisconsin
21 utilities, so now we have a market access benefit.
22 There's more competition. We will get higher average
23 market prices. There are strategic benefits.

24 We now have another major customer in
25 the United States who will advocate on behalf of

1 Manitoba Hydro who is, from the United States's
2 perspective, a foreign entity who wants to sell into
3 the United States its surplus power and displace, you
4 know, local jobs and affect the local economy. So, you
5 know, there's -- there -- this is a strategic asset
6 that we're bringing to the table.

7 In addition to that, we are able to sell
8 some firm power and -- on the line. So the basket of
9 benefits that Manitoba Hydro receives as a result of
10 having a big line is quite broad, and to only look at
11 the firm power sale as the only benefit ignores the
12 other -- the other benefits that -- that are -- that
13 are there.

14 And -- and I -- and I think when I look
15 at this project and -- and think about all the broad
16 things -- the broad basket of benefits it brings, you
17 know, I -- I -- and knowing how valuable
18 interconnections are -- are and how difficult they are
19 to build, you know, it's my judgment and -- and
20 Manitoba Hydro's judgment that -- that this is
21 something that we have an opportunity to go for now,
22 and that we should -- we should do that, and that --
23 that's why it's kind of in our -- in our plans as this
24 is a must. This will provide long-lasting value to the
25 Company.

1 And so it's not just on the economics of
2 a particular transaction, and -- and in that context,
3 that's why I -- I'd say this is a good deal for
4 Manitoba Hydro, and to the extent that other utilities
5 are willing to reduce the cost by investing, it -- it
6 only can make it a better project for us.

7 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. And you
8 referred -- and I will move on, but you did refer to
9 the broad basket benefits, but at the very least, you
10 can agree that there is some uncertainty for Manitoba
11 ratepayers in that we're relying on Manitoba Hydro to
12 arrange for other owners to come in, and so far only --
13 right now, we're aware that Wisconsin Public Services
14 is going to come in -- potentially going to come in?

15 MR. DAVE CORMIE: Yes, and as we've
16 looked at the ownership options, we are convinced that
17 even if Manitoba had to be -- even if Manitoba Hydro
18 had to be the last -- the owner of last resort, it
19 would still be a good project, and to the extent that
20 we can do better than that, again, by having another US
21 transmission owner take -- take the position, that
22 reduces risk that the Manitoba ratepayer may have to
23 face. So it -- it is -- it -- it -- again, it's a bit
24 -- it's a -- it's a -- a reduction of risk, so it -- it
25 would be beneficial to do.

1 But even if we weren't successful in
2 getting a third party to come to the table, I judge
3 that it's still the right thing to do, and -- and I
4 think Manitoba Hydro has -- has indicated we were
5 prepared to do that. Otherwise, it would have never
6 been an option on the table. You know, we were -- we
7 very carefully thought through this and -- and have --
8 have come to that conclusion.

9 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. So moving
10 on, I will refer you to -- well, moving on, I will now
11 go to the Manitoba portion of the line, and despite not
12 knowing the name for this facility until participating
13 in the review proceedings recently, the Riel converter
14 station and the Manitoba/Minnesota Transmission Project
15 is near and dear to my client's heart, and so I'm going
16 to ask some questions regarding the costs for this
17 project.

18 I'll first refer you to slide 80 of the
19 panel presentation. That's Manitoba Hydro's Exhibit
20 95. So this slide presents the costs of the
21 Manitoba/Minnesota Transmission Project. At the first
22 bullet, it is indicated the costs of the 235 kilometre
23 500 kV line to the US border as being 173.6 million in
24 2012 dollars, correct?

25 MR. DAVE CORMIE: I think Mr. Jacobson

1 is probably best to answer if he's still here.

2 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Oh, hello.

3 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Yeah, I'm still
4 here. Yeah, you're correct.

5 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. Then at
6 the second bullet, the Dorsey line termination shunt
7 reactor, Riel 230-500 kV, 1,200 MVA transformer, and
8 the three (3) times the -- the 73.4 MVAR capacitors are
9 indicated as costing 77.5 million in 2012 dollars,
10 correct?

11 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: That's correct.

12 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: And then, of
13 course, the third bullet you'll read there as amounting
14 to 16.5 million in 2012 dollars again, correct?

15 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Correct.

16 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: For the total of
17 267.6 million in 2012 dollars, which today is indicated
18 as being 281.4 million, correct?

19 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: That's correct.
20 And the two eighty-one (281) includes an additional
21 fascia trend (phonetic) series. So that's why it's a -
22 - a little bit higher than the -- than the 2012
23 estimate.

24 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. We'll get
25 to that. So I just want to clarify, as the title

1 suggests, these items as listed on page 80 present all
2 of the major project components for the
3 Manitoba/Minnesota Transmission Project, correct?

4 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: The major
5 component's within Manitoba.

6 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Yes.

7 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Obviously you need
8 the Great Northern to -- to connect the source of the
9 sync.

10 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Yes. So the
11 total's for Manitoba?

12 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Correct.

13 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: If we go back a
14 slide to 79, as you were just saying, so the -- the
15 line above, of course, we've got all of the facilities,
16 and I did read the transcript, so you -- I'll -- in the
17 interests of time, I -- I understand what -- what
18 you've depicted on the map there, and so I'm going to
19 focus, of course, on the above-border facilities.

20 But again, that -- all of these
21 facilities as indicated on slide 80 and the totals
22 presented on slide 80 at the present time are accurate
23 to your knowledge?

24 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Yes.

25 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. I want to

1 refer you to the chart at page 110 of PUB Exhibit 58-3,
2 and on this chart for 2012, the costs for Riel CS are
3 indicated as being 268 million in CEF 2012, correct?

4 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: That's what it
5 says there.

6 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Yeah.

7 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: M-hm.

8 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: And CS, of
9 course, refers to the converter station, and in that
10 would be the costs associated with the facilities as
11 part of the converter station, correct?

12 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: I don't believe
13 that's correct.

14 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. Then as
15 part of the costs of the Riel CS, could you then
16 indicate what costs would be included in the line as
17 you see there on page 110 of PUB Exhibit 58-3?

18 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: The MTP line is
19 near the bottom of the page, Dorsey -- Dorsey to the US
20 border. It's only 205 million between CEF08 and -- and
21 '012, but the -- the scope of that project at -- at
22 that time was a -- a direct line between Dorsey and the
23 US border, and the scope has now changed to follow a --
24 a route between Dorsey and Riel along the -- what we
25 call our southern -- southern corridor, or southern

1 loop, and then from Riel, it goes towards the US
2 border.

3 I mean, the route has not been
4 determined, but rough -- roughly that's -- that's what
5 happened. So it's a much longer route today than it
6 was back -- back in -- in those CEFs.

7 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. You've
8 referenced the 500 kV Dorsey/US border project on slide
9 110. So going back to slide 80, in the first bullet,
10 we have the description, "235 kilometre 500 kV line to
11 US border." Is that the same as -- as the line that
12 was indicated on Chart 110?

13 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: No. As I tried to
14 explain, the -- the route is much longer in this -- on
15 this slide. The -- we're currently going, as I
16 mentioned, from Dorsey towards Riel, so it's going
17 almost directly east, and then it -- it goes towards
18 the existing 500 kV line route, but not directly
19 parallelling it, but, I mean, it goes towards it, and
20 then it heads towards the US border.

21 So the -- the distance is estimated
22 currently at 235 kilometres. The original estimate was
23 a direct due south line from Dorsey to the US border,
24 which was much shorter. I think it was -- I hate to --
25 I hate to guess, but, I mean, it -- probably half --

1 half the distance. Does that answer -- answer your
2 question?

3 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: If I could just
4 have one (1) minute, I'm -- I'm just trying to
5 understand where I need to go next here. The
6 description you just provided me -- can we actually go
7 back to slide 79, and can you just explain -- so we've
8 got -- you -- you mentioned from slide 80, we have the
9 500 kV line to the US border, and can you indicate
10 where that is on slide 79, please?

11 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Well, if you see
12 Dorsey --

13 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Yeah.

14 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: -- there's a --
15 there are -- there are two (2) lines that go due south
16 of -- or -- or straight down. I'm -- I shouldn't put
17 directions, but it goes straight down out of the Dorsey
18 substation. The line furthest to the right that
19 connects directly to Riel is the existing 500 kV line
20 that currently terminates at Forbes, and we're in the
21 process of constructing the Riel substation and
22 sectionalizing that line into Riel.

23 So the Dorsey to Forbes line will get
24 terminated into Riel later in 2014, so the line
25 immediately to the left of that, that has the 300 MVARs

1 reactor noted is the new line, the new MTP line, so it
2 will be going towards Riel but not terminating in Riel,
3 and then -- and then going towards Blackberry on the
4 eastern side of Manitoba.

5 Is that -- is that clear? I can come
6 over there and point it out to you with my fingers.
7 It's probably quicker.

8 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. No, I --
9 I see. So the 235 kilometre line from Riel up there
10 down to Blackberry, those costs are indicated -- those
11 are the costs, then, that are indicated in page 110 of
12 the PUB exhibit?

13 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: I'll take your --

14 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: I just want to
15 be sure, and if you don't mind, so it's that -- the 500
16 kV Dorsey-US border, the 205 million?

17 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Those costs, as I
18 mentioned, are not the same costs.

19 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Not the same
20 costs --

21 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: No.

22 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: -- but that's --

23 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: The same project.

24 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: -- that line
25 there is the same --

1 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: The same project.

2 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: -- is the
3 project.

4 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Yeah, the same
5 project. And that -- that project in CEF13 has
6 increased to \$350 million, give or take, in-service
7 costs. So -- so the current CEF has the proper scope
8 to reflect the MMT -- MMTP project.

9 You know, giving a bit of history, we
10 were originally looking at dropping the Dorsey line
11 into Fargo area, and that scope has since changed to go
12 into -- towards Duluth in the Minnesota Power service
13 territory.

14 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Thank you for
15 going through that. And so in my questions on slide
16 80, when I asked if all of these lines represented the
17 full costs associated with the Manitoba-Minnesota
18 transmission project, you indicated that they did.

19 And so the costs you just referred to
20 for the US border new 500 kV transmission line -- and
21 you were very good to provide me with the revised
22 forecast number of 350 million -- are those costs
23 indicated on slide 80 at all?

24 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: No. The -- the
25 costs I indicated on slide 80 are the overnight

1 dollars, base dollars, excluding interest and
2 escalation, and three hundred and fifty (350) is the
3 in-service dollars to 2020. So they're -- they're the
4 same. It just depends which year you're talking about.

5 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. So -- but
6 we're seeing a different total in that we've got there
7 this -- the -- the three hundred and fifty (350)
8 revised amount for the 500 kV transmission line, and
9 then we've got total costs as indicated in slide 80 as
10 being today at two eighty-one (281).

11 Shouldn't the costs you just referred to
12 me for the new 500 kV line not be included on slide 80,
13 as they form part of the Manitoba-Minnesota
14 transmission project?

15 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: I'm sorry. Can
16 you repeat that question?

17 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. So you
18 just confirmed that the 350 million updated costs for
19 the new 500 kV transmission line -- and those were the
20 project -- that -- that's the project that we went
21 through on page 110 of the PUB exhibit.

22 And now what I'm asking you is should
23 those costs not also be added to slide 80 where you see
24 the total of 267 million -- and you confirmed that the
25 line on the screen we went through was the first

1 bullet.

2 Should there not maybe be a -- a bullet
3 after that that includes the costs that you just went
4 through, the 350 million that represent the cost of the
5 500 kV transmission line? Should they not also be
6 included on slide 80?

7 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Ms. Saunders --

8 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Sorry, Ms.
9 Flynn.

10 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: -- what might be
11 helpful is the response that Manitoba Hydro provided to
12 CAC/MH-Round 1-18B. You will see the 267 million on
13 there, and then interest and escalation and the
14 additional piece of equipment that Dr. Jacobson
15 referred to, to get you up to the \$350 million.

16 And what I would note is that, for
17 purposes of the main submission, the 2012 analysis, the
18 -- the amount that was used for -- in the analysis for
19 the Manitoba-Minnesota transmission project is the
20 amount, I -- I guess, equivalent to the three thirty-
21 one (331) in in-service dollars that was used, because
22 the \$19 million was an addition that came after we
23 completed that analysis.

24 The 2013 update includes the 19 million,
25 so that it's equivalent to the 350 million that's --

1 that is included in the analysis of -- of any of the
2 2013 values.

3 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. So if I -
4 - just for my own clarification. And I'll go through
5 this more for -- for, I said, my purposes than, I
6 think, yours. I just have to understand this.

7 So if we take what's up on the screen
8 here -- it's the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission
9 Project. And we do have the -- the 277 million amount
10 indicated there, correct?

11 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: The -- the value that
12 Dr. Jacobson referred to was the two sixty-seven (267)
13 in 2012 dollars. The values that are provided in the
14 NFAT submission are in 2014 dollars. So you see two
15 seventy-seven (277) is the conversion from the two six
16 -- of the two sixty-seven (267) from the 2012 dollars
17 to the 2014 dollars.

18 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. And you
19 can confirm --

20 THE CHAIRPERSON: This estimate -- I'm
21 sorry. This estimate is Class 2, Class 3?

22 MR. DAVID JACOBSON: This estimate is
23 equivalent to -- to Class 3, I would say. We don't
24 have the same kind of class structures that -- in
25 transmission as they do in generation. But, in

1 essence, it's -- it's being prepared to -- to go into a
2 facility construction agreement, so it's -- it's our
3 best -- our best estimate, so -- which is, from the
4 notes I read on the Class 1 through 5 structure, Class
5 3 seemed to fit the most close to what this estimate
6 is.

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8 CONTINUED BY MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS:

9 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: And so thank
10 you, Ms. Flynn. You pointed out to the 267 million
11 estimate in 2012 dollars. So I'll refer you, if you
12 don't mind, to Manitoba Hydro Exhibit 98. That's the
13 CEF13, page 16.

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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17 MR. TERRY MILES: Was that page 16 or
18 17?

19 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Page 16 we'll
20 start.

21 MR. TERRY MILES: Okay.

22 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: And so here we
23 have the explanation of the Riel 500 kV station. And
24 you've got the description there. And you've got the
25 chart that indicates the previously approved amount of

1 267.6 million.

2 And you can confirm that's the CEF2012
3 number?

4 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: I would like to
5 point out that this is a totally different project.
6 This is sectionalization of the existing 500 kV line.

7 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: M-hm.

8 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: So it's nothing to
9 do with the -- the new tie-line. But, I mean, I'll
10 confirm those -- those numbers are on the page, but --

11 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay.

12 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: -- that's nothing
13 to do with the MMTP project.

14 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. Then if
15 we could -- right, because when you look at slide 80
16 though in your presentation -- and again, I apologize -
17 - I apologize if it's my own --

18 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: The 267 was -- was
19 a fluke that they matched up.

20 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. It was a
21 fluke that they matched up.

22 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Yeah.

23 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Ms. Saunders, if you
24 go to page 17 of that document --

25 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Yeah.

1 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: -- the Dorsey to US
2 border -- Dor -- Dorsey to US border new 500 kV
3 transmission line, that's the correct project.

4 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: This is the
5 correct project.

6 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: The Dorsey to US
7 border.

8 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay.

9 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: So you see -- you
10 see the revised forecast there of three hundred and
11 fifty point three (350.3).

12 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. And that
13 project, Ms. Flynn, though is a different one, you say.
14 It doesn't -- it's not part of the Manitoba-Minnesota
15 Transmission Line Project?

16 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: That is -- that is
17 the fact of the project.

18 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. And the
19 Riel Station though on page 16, which --

20 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Is a separate
21 project.

22 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Is a separate
23 project?

24 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Yes. It's -- it's
25 -- we're -- we're sectionalizing the existing 500 kV

1 line for reliability purposes. In the event that we
2 lose the Dorsey Station, we're able to import through
3 Riel. And it -- it also facilitates the addition of --
4 of Bipole III in the future, but it's a totally
5 separate project from the new 500 kV line to the US.

6 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. If I
7 might ask, how did you determine that this Riel Station
8 -- because in the -- in the project description, the --
9 the Riel Station is discussed at length.

10 And so how do you determine then that
11 this project is not part of the Manitoba-Min --
12 Minnesota Transmission Line Project being discussed
13 here?

14 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: I'm sorry, I don't
15 understand the question. I mean, they're -- they're
16 separate. How do I determine? I mean, these are
17 separate.

18 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. Okay.

19 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Dor -- the -- the
20 Dorsey to Riel -- sorry, Dorsey to Forbes existing line
21 was planned to be sectionalized a number of years ago.
22 And so we're going to create a new station. It's under
23 construction. We're going to add transformation at
24 Riel. We're going to be tying it into the existing 230
25 kV grid. And the purpose of that sectionalization

1 project was to improve reliability in the even of a
2 Dorsey station loss. So that is a -- a known project
3 base -- base case facility.

4 So now -- now then comes along the
5 request to increase transmission service to the US.
6 And on top of this Riel sectionalization, we looked at
7 the addition of a new transmission line. So that new
8 transmission line goes from Dorsey to the border to
9 Blackberry. We have to add some additional facilities
10 into the Riel substation as part of that project. But
11 those two (2) projects are separate, different --
12 different drivers.

13 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: So the
14 transmission is separate from the Riel station?
15 They've -- the costs have been --

16 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: The -- the Dorsey
17 -- the Dorsey --

18 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: -- included
19 separately and --

20 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: No, the -- the --

21 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: -- or --

22 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: -- Dorsey to US
23 border project includes transmission as well as some
24 substation additions that are in addition to what's
25 included in the scope of the -- of the Riel Project

1 that you'd noted before.

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3 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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5 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. If I
6 could just have a moment? Thanks.

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8 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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10 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. And
11 perhaps it might have served me some greater
12 clarification if the -- there was different titles and
13 such. You see names and 500 kVs and it does get
14 confusing for myself.

15 Then in the second bullet on slide 80
16 then, when you're referencing Riel 230-500 kV, what --
17 and it's the transformer, that's -- that's separate
18 from what we just went through, the Riel 230-500 kV
19 station? This is just a convertor that's included in
20 the Manitoba/Minnesota Transmission Project?

21 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Yes. Hopefully I
22 can clarify this. As part of the Riel Sectionalization
23 Project we will be adding a new 500 to 230 kV
24 transformer. And -- and that picture that I had shown
25 earlier in this -- in this presentation was actually

1 one (1) phase of that three (3) phase transformer.

2 So there will be in 2014 a transformer
3 preexisting. And then the proposal is to add a second
4 -- a second transformer in parallel in 2020 to
5 facilitate the additional transfers between Manitoba
6 and the US. So it's -- so the Riel transformer is a --
7 a needed additional facility to facilitate 750
8 megawatts between Manitoba and the US. I mean, it
9 sounds kind of counterintuitive, you know, why --
10 you're -- you're going from Dorsey and you're adding a
11 transformer at Riel, but the whole interface works
12 together.

13 So we actually have two (2) transformers
14 at Dorsey existing, and we will have two (2)
15 transformers at Riel, and we will have an export line
16 out of Dorsey and an export line out of Riel, so it's -
17 - it's symmetric. So you get -- you get a nice balance
18 between the two (2) stations.

19 I don't know if --

20 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay.

21 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: -- the Board's
22 getting it?

23 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Yeah. Yeah.
24 No, they are. And I apologize. So then if you can
25 just clarify for me then on slide 88, the 277 million

1 of the capital costs represents which of the products -
2 - the projects you just discussed here?

3 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: That is the
4 Preferred Development Plan, the MMTP project, or the
5 Dorsey to US border project, all one and the same.

6 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: And it doesn't
7 include the Riel 500 kV station?

8 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: That is correct.
9 That's a preexisting project. That'll be in service in
10 2014.

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12 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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14 THE CHAIRPERSON: But that table shows
15 that the capital cost in 2014 is two seventy-seven
16 (277), and we just -- we just determined a few minutes
17 ago that it's well over two seventy-seven (277), isn't
18 it?

19 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: You got to be
20 careful about the -- the year. It's \$350 million in
21 2020 dollars versus 2012 or 2014. I mean, it drives me
22 crazy, too.

23

24 CONTINUED BY MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS:

25 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay.

1 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: Just -- just a point
2 of clarification, Mr. Chair, is that the two seventy-
3 seven (277) is equivalent -- it's easier to see on CAC-
4 Round 1-18B, but it's actually equivalent to 331
5 million in in-service dollars because there was a \$19
6 million capital addition that brings it up to 350
7 million.

8 That 350 million equivalent was used in
9 the analysis for the 2013 because that 19 million was
10 identified after we had completed the analysis for
11 2012.

12 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. And so
13 the Board of course was asking for clarification on the
14 dollars in what year, and of course I was getting
15 clarification on which project we were talking about.
16 I do apologize. I'm moving on.

17 So I'll refer back to CEF13. That's
18 Manitoba Hydro Exhibit 98. And so for Riel on page 16,
19 the previously approved amount -- and -- and we went
20 through that.

21 And I want to note the reason for the
22 revision you indicated was resulting from a review of
23 the project and including incorporation of award values
24 of all of the major contracts, with the in-service date
25 being delayed by five (5) months from May 2014.

1 So you can confirm that those are the
2 reasons for the revision?

3 MS. MARLA BOYD: I think we need to --
4 we need to look at the project on page 17, which is
5 actually what's related to the NFAT.

6 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay.

7 MS. MARLA BOYD: The project on page 16
8 won't actually form part of the NFAT.

9 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Doesn't form
10 part of the NFAT, and I was mistaken in that. Okay.

11 MS. MARLA BOYD: Thank you.

12

13 CONTINUED BY MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS:

14 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Then I'll -- I
15 can refer you then to page 17 and the reasons for
16 revision there. You had indicated the costs were
17 increased for additional line length -- you said this
18 earlier -- the south loop to Riel Station.

19 Are you aware of any potential reasons
20 for further revision in the coming year?

21 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Well, the only
22 potential reason would -- would be if -- if the
23 estimates get revised. I mean, obviously -- I mean,
24 we're always looking at estimates. I mean, we are
25 going through an exercise to try and fine tune the

1 route.

2 So once -- once we, you know, figure out
3 how many corner towers there are, how many crossings of
4 this and that, I mean, there -- there could be a
5 revision. But I don't anticipate any changes in the
6 next year.

7 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. And so
8 Manitoba Hydro has indicated that it is seeking public
9 input to help identify the most suitable route for the
10 line in order to take into account impacts on people
11 and the environment.

12 Is that correct?

13 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Yes. Round 1 has
14 been completed, and we're going to start Round 2
15 shortly. I mean, detailed questions on -- on
16 environment are best given to the fourth panel, but I
17 can do my best.

18 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay.

19 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: All right.

20 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Well, then, on
21 that note, I can save the questions that I would have
22 for the panel that will be appearing I believe a week
23 and a half, two (2) weeks from now. And so moving on.

24 Mr. Peters in his cross-examination
25 asked the panel if there was an update on the costs of

1 Bipole III. And you had indicated there was no updated
2 cost estimate, Mr. Wojczynski. I wanted to ask just a
3 few questions to follow up to your answer to those
4 questions.

5 So if I might just -- and again, this
6 might be for my own clarification -- but refer you to
7 page 110 of PUB Exhibit 58-3. And in your response to
8 questions asked by Board counsel, you stated that there
9 was no updated capital cost estimates for Bipole III.

10 And as a follow-up to that, and in
11 clarification understanding that answer, with
12 construction starting, has Hydro performed a detailed
13 facility study or more detailed cost estimates for
14 Bipole III, or is it using the initial facility study?

15 MS. MARLA BOYD: Again, Mr. Chair, this
16 would be outside the scope of the NFAT submission.

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18 CONTINUED BY MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS:

19 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. Well --
20 and I do apologize respectfully. My interpretation of
21 Order 22 regarding our -- our proposed evidence in this
22 regard allowed certain evidence to be discussed
23 relating to a comparison of the cost of Bipole III and
24 the net present value of the PDP and other
25 alternatives. So the questions that we're asking here

1 today relate to, I guess, in follow up to the answer
2 provided by Mr. Wojczynski.

3 But I can move on it if -- if it would
4 be of any assistance to have the information that I'm
5 seeking here today.

6 THE CHAIRPERSON: Frankly, the -- the
7 terms of reference are pretty clear that the Bipole II
8 is not to be addressed by this panel, so we have to
9 accept the values as described by Manitoba Hydro.

10 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Thank you very
11 much.

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13 CONTINUED BY MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS:

14 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: I'll try one (1)
15 more area. In moving, as well, Mr. Wojczynski, to the
16 matters discussed in Mr. Williams's examination, he
17 asked you about the Canadian Environmental Assessment
18 Agency comprehensive study report process for Keeyask.
19 He mentioned that the process relates to public -- the
20 public comment section of it, as well as the Aboriginal
21 consultation section of it.

22 And I am mindful that the terms of
23 reference also exclude Aboriginal Consultation, but I
24 just wanted to explore with you I think the portions of
25 the CEAA report that would relate to potential impact -

1 - impacts to in-service dates and costs related with
2 Keeyask, if that's okay.

3 So are you aware in the CEAA process
4 that they provide funding to Aboriginal peoples in
5 order that they can consider the EIS guidelines and the
6 comprehensive study report that's being conducted by
7 CEAA?

8 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I understand
9 generally that that is done and is available. I don't
10 know the specifics that are being done for -- for the -
11 - the Keeyask project and the -- the -- panel 4 (sic)
12 would be the ones who have that information, or would
13 have a handle on that.

14 MS. JESSICA SAUNDERS: Okay. So I -- I
15 do realize that panel 4 (sic), and we do intend to --
16 to discuss these matters there, so I can leave my
17 questions for panel 4 (sic). Thank you. Those are all
18 my questions.

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Ms.
20 Saunders. I will now turn the microphone back to M.
21 Hacault -- sorry, just before we go, I just want to
22 confirm M. Monnin has no questions? So I will turn the
23 microphone over to M. Hacault.

24 MR. SVEN HOMBACH: Mr. Chairman, if I -
25 - sorry.

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I'm standing
2 between everybody and a beer on Friday, and the Jets
3 game tonight, so I'm in a lot of pressure.

4 MR. SVEN HOMBACH: I do apologize, Mr.
5 Chairman, if I just may have thirty (30) seconds
6 administratively. I -- I'm not sure if everybody's
7 aware, I believe the panel is prepared to continue
8 until 4:30, and earlier Mr. Hacault was cut off to make
9 sure that the remaining parties have sufficient time to
10 complete their examination.

11 I was advised by Mr. Monnin earlier that
12 he doesn't have any questions for this panel, and
13 perhaps I can just Mr. Monnin that that is still the
14 case, now having heard from Ms. Saunders?

15 MR. CHRISTIAN MONNIN: I only have
16 about two (2) hour -- no -- no, no further questions.

17 THE CHAIRPERSON: M. Hacault, s'il vous
18 plait.

19

20 CONTINUED CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. ANTOINE HACAULT:

21 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. I
22 think that was a poke at me, but hopefully we'll
23 canvass some areas which will be of use for this panel.

24 The first subject matter that I would
25 like to -- to cover to get a little bit more clarity on

1 is reliability. And that was in slide 139 of Exhibit
2 95. It's not in our book of documents. So slide 139,
3 Exhibit 95. It's a reliability chart.

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5 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: First, what would
8 be NERC? What's that acronym mean?

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DR. DAVID JACOBSON: I'll take that
10 one. The -- the North American Electric Reliability
11 Corporation.

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MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. And
13 what's the NERC standard or requirement for reliability
14 as it applies to Manitoba Hydro?

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DR. DAVID JACOBSON: We could be here
16 all day if I have to answer that question. There's
17 probably about fifty (50) or more standards that are in
18 our legislation. But if I had to pick one (1), a key
19 one (1) for planning new transmission, it would be NERC
20 TPL Transmission Planning standards. And there's four
21 (4) sets of them 001 through 004, so.

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MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. But with
23 respect to --

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DR. DAVID JACOBSON: With respect to --

25

MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: -- this

1 particular slide, peak load carrying capacity, could
2 you explain whether or not the standard is reflected by
3 the load line and, if so, what that standard is?

4 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: I -- I can cover
5 that one too. Currently there's no NERC standard North
6 American-wide that covers loss of a load exportation.
7 There is one (1) -- one (1) region in the US where it's
8 a local standard, reliability first.

9 But what -- what NERC does on an annual
10 basis in their long-term resource assessment is that
11 they require planning authorities, like Manitoba Hydro,
12 to perform a study to demonstrate that they have enough
13 resource adequacy to meet the point -- point one (.1)
14 day per year metric. But there are no penalties for
15 not meeting the metric. However, there's a fair bit of
16 peer pressure to meet the metric because everything's
17 published by NERC.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So could you
19 explain how many minutes or hours that point one (.1)
20 standard means in real terms for me, as a householder?

21 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Well, point one
22 (.1) of a day -- that's -- two point four (2.4) hours.

23 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So that's the
24 standard that Manitoba Hydro tries to achieve across
25 its system?

1 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: We do try to
2 achieve that, yes.

3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And does this
4 black load line on slide 139 represent that standard
5 which Manitoba Hydro seeks to achieve?

6 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: That is correct.

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So -- and it may
8 be Mr. Wojczynski who's going to be answering this, I
9 don't know.

10 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Well, he's got the
11 Masters degree. I only have a PhD in this area.

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: That's okay.

13

14 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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16 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I think I just
17 might let him answer everything from now on.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Is there
19 something that we would refer to as -- and I don't know
20 if I've got the wording quite right -- a cost of
21 unserved energy metric?

22 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes. That was one
23 (1) of my thesis topics, but, of course, it wasn't a
24 doctorate, so.

25 But, seriously, there have been many

1 attempts to try and estimate what is the cost to
2 customers if there are unexpected short-term outages of
3 their supply, such as due to capacity shortages. And
4 it's those kind of outages that this metric of loss of
5 load expectations measures. There -- there are various
6 techniques that have been used over time.

7 The simple answer I can tell you right
8 now is there's consensus that the cost to customers of
9 unreliability is orders of magnitude greater than what
10 they pay for it. In other words, if a customer --
11 customer, whether you're residential, commercial, or
12 industrial, if you're interrupted and you -- you --
13 let's say there's a reduction in -- of 1 kilowatt hour
14 of your supply, which in a residential, let's just say
15 is seven (7) cents, the -- the impact to the customer
16 is a hundred times, or a thousand times, or -- it
17 depends on the kind of customer -- more than the actual
18 -- what they pay for it.

19 And -- and there are estimates available
20 and have been available for that, but you can't get
21 that number precisely. You can get ballpark estimates
22 of it.

23 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And when we look
24 at this graph -- I'm trying to get a sense of when does
25 increasing amounts on this graph continue to be

1 relevant. Let me preface that question by looking at
2 the red line, the green line that's marked on there,
3 and finally the Plan 14, which is the purple line.

4 How far up from the load metric that's
5 shown there is still relevant?

6 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I would suggest
7 that it's relevant all the way. But the further -- Mr.
8 Chair and panel, the further you move off of the load
9 line, or the more the -- the less it'll I'll be worth,
10 but it would still be significant all the way out
11 there.

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And in presenting
13 the information to this Board, has Hydro tried to
14 quantify, if we're weighing alternatives, the relative
15 value of reliability between the three (3) plans shown
16 on this graph?

17 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: We have done some
18 work on that. I'm going to have to turn to my
19 colleague, Mr. Jacobson, whether we have that with us
20 here.

21 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Well, Chapter 13
22 of the NFAT submission did have the reliability worth
23 calculations for the Preferred Plan and Keeyask/Gas. I
24 -- and in the appendix, we -- we compared the relative
25 reliability of -- of the -- the top running con --

1 contenders. But in terms of the value of unserved
2 energy, we have those two (2) values in Chapter 13.

3 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And, sorry if I
4 don't remember everything, is that actually measured in
5 terms of dollar values for Manitoba ratepayers?

6 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: It would be for
7 customers who are, for all intents and purpose the same
8 as ratepayers.

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Well, you do a
10 lot of exports.

11 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: No, it's strictly -
12 - strictly Manitoba domestic customers we're taking
13 about.

14 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay.

15 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yeah. No, when we
16 talk about this reliability enhancement, we are only
17 talking about Manitoba domestic customers.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And sorry,
19 could you -- and I apologize if -- if I hadn't picked
20 that up in the material -- the relative incremental
21 value of reliability as evaluated by Manitoba Hydro
22 between the three (3) plans shown on this graph?

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24 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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1 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Page 27, I think,
2 of Chapter 13, has the number.

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4 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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6 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I see a number
7 being put there with respect to the Preferred
8 Development Plan, but my question was more specific as
9 -- as it related to -- and -- and we have the same
10 graph on that page, or similar graph. If we go in
11 line, what is it, about 10 or 12, I think I had seen
12 it, line 8 the -- the expected and served energy cost
13 for All Gas and Keeyask/Gas alternatives would be
14 greater than for the Preferred Development Plan by 101
15 million.

16 Is that the Gas Plan that we're
17 referring to?

18 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And the second
20 number is 105 million, and that's the Keeyask22/Gas?

21 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

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23 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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25 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And help me

1 understand what that means to the decision making
2 process. Do we, when we're looking at all these
3 expected values, say, Well, the Preferred Development
4 Plan, compared to gas, we have to notionally add \$101
5 million for the value of this expected unserved energy
6 cost?

7 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes. And that is
8 what is done in Chapter 13 later on. The -- Manitoba
9 Hydro valuation of its -- of benefits, as we've been
10 talking about this whole week, that -- that is
11 recalculated in there. And -- and this is one (1) of
12 the things that's added to it.

13 So you could for the sake of the
14 discussion today say that compared to all the numbers
15 where we've talked about the Preferred Plan compared to
16 the All Gas Plan, add \$100 million to that to bring in
17 this factor in a -- in a dollars sense.

18 So where Ms. Flynn talked about 377
19 million, now we would bringing this one (1) other
20 factor it'd be 477 million. It does not include the
21 benefits of energy security. That's a different
22 metric.

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24 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And to follow
2 that logic, if I might, and that's why I wanted to
3 ensure the Keeyask/Gas, there is another -- there's a
4 \$4 million -- do we also when we look at the
5 Keeyask/Gas number we have to notionally add 105
6 million if we want to compare it to the Conawapa
7 situation, or is it just the \$4 million difference?

8 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: The Keeyask/Gas,
9 that is without the interconnection, without Conawapa,
10 would be \$105 million -- would -- would be \$105 million
11 -- yeah, we're comparing things to All Gas.

12 So if you're comparing the Preferred
13 Plan to the Keeyask/Gas Plan from Ms. Flynn's analysis,
14 whatever number you come up with you should add another
15 \$100 million -- \$105 million benefit to the Preferred
16 Plan compared to the Keeyask/Gas Plan.

17 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And the one (1)
18 thing we don't have though, and we have been
19 discussing, is Keeyask with the big interconnection,
20 the 750 megawatt inter -- interconnection.

21 Do we have a number that we should be
22 attributing to the level of reliability that comes with
23 this bigger line? Which is basically Plan 5, I think.

24 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: We -- we don't have
25 that one in here. We have done some other analysis,

1 but if you're -- you're -- that was the Keeyask/Gas
2 750. If you look at the chart, there's perhaps a --
3 well, we can use the chart in -- if you can move up the
4 page slightly. You see where in the Keeyask/Conawapa
5 purple -- no, sorry, the preferred line. Sorry.

6 The Preferred Plan, which is the purple
7 line, the top line, you see where in 2020 it jumps up
8 to 6,000 megawatts. And then it sort of flattens out
9 for a few years and then it jumps up in 2025 to nearly
10 7,000. That is the addition of Conawapa.

11 If you, instead of putting in Conawapa,
12 had Keeyask/Gas, you would not have that almost 1,000
13 mega -- let's call it an 800 megawatt jump up. You
14 would probably have a hundred or so megawatt jump up.
15 And --

16 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Well, Keeyask
17 cancels the red curve, Ed, and on that curve -- on that
18 chart.

19 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yeah, but that's
20 got -- that's two fifty (250).

21 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: That is -- both of
22 them. The red curve is Keeyask/Gas and the green curve
23 is Keeyask/Gas small time?

24 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yeah, I'm talking -
25 - I'm talking about the -- the 750 megawatt tie-line.

1 DR. DAVID JACOBSON: Which is the
2 Preferred Plan, yeah. I'm sorry -- sorry to interrupt.

3 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Okay. Let's back
4 up. As -- as I understood the question, it was if you
5 do the 750 megawatt tie-line and Keeyask/Gas instead of
6 Keeyask/Conawapa?

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: What I was trying
8 to isolate was the reliability factor that we get with
9 the 750 megawatt line and the reliability factor that
10 Conawapa might add in addition to getting --

11 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yeah.

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: -- the 750
13 megawatt line in. When I had --

14 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: And that's what I'm
15 answering.

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. So
17 continue then.

18 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: So the purple line
19 is the 750 megawatt interconnection and Keeyask. Up
20 till about 2024 it's just those two (2).

21 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So when --

22 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Then when it jumps
23 up in 2026 to six thousand eight hundred (6,800) or
24 something, that is the addition of Conawapa. If you
25 did not have Conawapa and you only put in the gas

1 plant, for example, it would have gone up only
2 slightly. So it would be like that line went straight
3 across, set it just over, let's say 6,100 megawatts.
4 So we don't have a numerical analysis we can present
5 here, but we -- we can tell you confidently that's what
6 would happen.

7 So in terms of the reliability benefit
8 as measured by \$100 million, I ballpark it that instead
9 of \$100 million liability benefit for this, you'd get a
10 \$50 million -- \$50 million reliability benefit.

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: As a result of
12 the larger 750 megawatt line?

13 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: But without
14 Conawapa, yes.

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Without Conawapa.

16 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yeah. You get
17 about half -- simplistically, about half the benefit.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. So just to
19 make sure I've understood your point, sir, if we look
20 at the starting point of the red line and the starting
21 point of the preferred line. Both include Keeyask at
22 that starting point being constructed. And the first
23 jump in the purple line is related to the 750 megawatt
24 big line?

25 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

1 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And that
2 represents the jump in reliability in the system as a
3 result of that larger line. And that is then compared
4 to the jump in reliability that we would have had if we
5 had been able to go to the smaller 250 line, which is
6 the green jump that goes only to fifty-five hundred
7 (5,500) instead of the six thousand (6,000)?

8 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes.

9 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay.

10 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: That
11 Keeyask/Gas/250 would be that light green line, and
12 that's what you'd be getting there, yes.

13 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: The --

14 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: And that's worth 56
15 million, apparently. It's in the text.

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17 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I guess I'm
20 thinking to myself is there some reason why we didn't
21 include this in the Chapter 9 analysis, because I see
22 you're actually putting real numbers to this, and it's
23 not external numbers; it's direct benefits to the
24 Manitoba consumers on reliability and -- and lessening
25 the impact on them?

1 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: The -- the question
2 was: Why did we not include this in Chapter 9 when we
3 did the cost to Manitoba Hydro? The reason is that the
4 intent of Chapter 9 was the cost -- the cash cost --
5 the cashflow cost to Manitoba Hydro: cash into Manitoba
6 Hydro, cash out of Manitoba Hydro.

7 These are costs that the customer
8 experiences and we -- and Manitoba Hydro doesn't
9 experience. So those are what we'd call the societal
10 costs, and that's what Chapter 13 does. It says we
11 start with the cashflow analysis to Manitoba Hydro, and
12 then add in or subtract the impacts to Manitobans from
13 other things, reliability being one (1) that we just
14 talked about.

15 So Chapter 13 is where we take the
16 Manitoba Hydro cash analysis, if I can call it that,
17 and then say: What other things happened in Manitoba?
18 And these are things that happened to the customer.

19 So it's added in in Chapter 13 to give a
20 total provincial -- which is the truly provincial
21 social-economic view, because it brings in all the
22 economic and social parameters for all Manitobans. So
23 that is the -- Chapter 13 to give us the truest
24 socioeconomic analysis of the plans.

25 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Would it be fair

1 to say, sir, that we can't necessarily assume that the
2 impact of an outage is the same on industrial customers
3 as residents? For example, I'm all -- all heat at
4 home. I run a little generator, and that's maybe the
5 only immediate impact on me when your -- your hydro
6 goes out. I would venture to think that there might be
7 different implications on an industry when it power --
8 its power goes out.

9 When you come to these numbers, have
10 you, in your view, adequately considered the impact on
11 industrials and -- and what the cost to them might be
12 of power outages?

13 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: You raise a good
14 point. Every industry would have its own unique cost.
15 If you're talking about something -- and I'll give you
16 a very extreme example. If you're talking about a
17 paper mill, which you don't have here anymore, but a
18 paper mill; if you have one (1) second outage, that can
19 cost them a million dollars, or maybe not a million,
20 but a huge amount of money, 'cause they lose a whole --
21 they're -- it interrupts their whole flow.

22 On the other hand, if you have something
23 which is just melting some material and it's a short-
24 term outage, it have may no effect. If it goes twelve
25 (12) hours or twenty-four (24) hours, the material can

1 freeze in the melting vessel, and it is hugely
2 expensive to empty that. So for them, a two (2) hour
3 outage may not be significant, but an eight (8) hour
4 outage may skyrocket. So it's very specific to the
5 industry and to the characteristics.

6 The values that we're talking about here
7 that were used were average values for sort of Canadian
8 average industry, Canadian average residential,
9 Canadian average commercial, and -- and then
10 approximated by thinking about these -- the sectors in
11 the economy. But we could not, without doing a whole
12 bunch of additional research, come up with something
13 specific, say just to Manitoba industry. We'd have to
14 do work that is fairly extensive.

15 It can be done, but it's -- it's a major
16 piece of work.

17 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I think you
18 continue to educate me. I think you said something
19 like, Reliability is different than energy security.

20 Did I understand that right?

21 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: In -- in the
22 utility industry it's -- it has some specific meanings.
23 In the -- in the common parlance of my friends, who I
24 hope to see tonight sometime, they would take
25 reliability to mean it all lumped together, but in the

1 context of what we're talking about they are very two
2 (2) different things.

3 Reliability is ability to meet the peak
4 load. And -- whereas the energy security is related to
5 having enough energy during droughts or low energy
6 periods. And the --the impact -- the causes are
7 different, and the impacts are different, and so we
8 measure them differently.

9 This is only measuring that ability to
10 meet that high peak load.

11 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And have you
12 measured, and where did you put the value of energy
13 security in this analysis?

14 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: We have not been
15 able to obtain a dollar value on that. We have
16 provided it in -- in our interrogatories. And in
17 Exhibit 95, slide 141, we have a evaluation of
18 thousands of -- of gigawatt hours. We have done a
19 comparison. We have a more detailed comparison in one
20 (1) of the interrogatories that has the other -- some
21 other plans, not just these two (2) plans. But we do
22 not have a dollar value of the importance of this, and
23 there isn't readily available information that I can --
24 that I'm aware of that we could use to calculate this.

25 I would be guessing to try and come up

1 with a value. I -- I -- and my guess would be in the
2 same order of magnitude as the other capacity value
3 information. But I really have very little -- that --
4 that's -- that would be just a guess there. I -- I
5 don't really have any substantial -- to put a dollar
6 value on. And -- yeah.

7 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I will try and
8 get you out to see your friends, don't worry. I have a
9 hockey game to go to tonight, too, and some people are
10 expecting to see me.

11 I think -- I'm not too sure if we'll
12 have a chance to look at some of the answers we got.
13 In Manitoba Hydro Exhibit 103, there was some
14 clarification with respect to the load sensitivity.
15 Mr. Cormie referred to that -- I don't know if it was
16 this morning or yesterday -- in saying Manitoba Hydro
17 was attempting to achieve, with respect to load, a ten
18 (10) year metric of plus or minus 10 percent, correct?

19 MR. DAVID CORMIE: No, I -- I don't
20 think I meant to say it that way. I think our -- our
21 historic accuracy in being able to predict the rate of
22 load growth is plus or minus 10 percent on ten (10)
23 years.

24 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So your actual
25 experience is plus or minus 10 percent. And what --

1 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes, because it's --
2 you can't -- you can't accurately predict everything
3 that will happen in the future. It's just not
4 possible.

5 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So we had started
6 with a metric of P10 and P90, and if we go ten (10)
7 years out to the line 23-24, we've got gross firm base
8 forecast of 29,000 megawatts, more or less, correct?
9 And this new graph, if we look at the top, gives us the
10 P5 and P95 metric as opposed to the P10 and P90 metric,
11 as I understand this new information from Manitoba
12 Hydro.

13 Is that correct?

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15 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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17 MR. DAVID CORMIE: I believe that's
18 what it says, yes.

19 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: So I'm trying to
20 see and understand when you're giving us metrics in
21 your analysis that would go as far as 5 percent and 95
22 percent, whether we hit your experience over twenty
23 (20) years of being able to forecast within 10 percent
24 what your load's going to be.

25 As of the ten (10) years with the nine

1 (9) -- the 5 percent and the 95 percent probability,
2 have we yet reached what Manitoba Hydro experiences as
3 a 10 -- a 10 percent accuracy?

4 I tell you, according to my general look
5 at this, 10 percent would be in the order of close to
6 3,000 gigawatts. And it doesn't appear between the
7 close -- the 5 percent probability. If we added about
8 3,000 gigawatts, we aren't close to a 10 percent metric
9 yet -- or a 10 percent accuracy using a further
10 bandwidth.

11 MR. DAVID CORMIE: I think, Mr.
12 Hacaault, you're measuring the uncertainty around the
13 total firm energy demand rather than the uncertainty
14 associated with the load growth percentage. I think
15 our forecast accuracy is -- we're trying to predict
16 what the load growth is in percentage. Let's say it's
17 2 percent, and that's going to be plus or minus 10
18 percent ten (10) years out.

19 So instead of -- so 2 percent, that
20 means it could be as low as 1.8 percent or as high as
21 2.2 percent. Is that not how that load forecast
22 accuracy is measured? I'm -- as -- rather than plus or
23 minus 10 percent on the total Manitoba load, it's only
24 related to the load growth.

25 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. So if --

1 I'd like to -- to bring it back. We had load
2 forecasts, and we were looking at that graph, and we
3 saw that, where there was lines, that there was a
4 number of years where we were at or varying based on
5 our actual forecasts.

6 So in -- at this time, for 2023/2024,
7 we're forecasting a load of approximately 29,000
8 gigawatts. Let's start with that.

9 Am I right there?

10 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Which year are you
11 referring to again?

12 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: 2023 and 2024.

13 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes. I see the --
14 the base forecast is twenty-nine thousand four eighteen
15 (29,418). Twenty-nine thousand four eighteen (29,418).

16 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And I appreciate
17 you weren't there when I had taken the previous panel
18 through this. There was a graph showing numbers and
19 forecasts going ten (10) years ago.

20 If we're going to test the robustness of
21 the different plans based on the actual experience of
22 Manitoba Hydro, history has shown us that ten (10)
23 years out, Manitoba Hydro is happy if it reaches a 10
24 percent accuracy metric, correct?

25 MR. DAVID CORMIE: I don't -- I -- I --

1 I'm not sure that we are happy or sad. All we're
2 saying is that, doing the best possible job, this is
3 the range within which the forecasts end up being. And
4 it's the nature of the uncertainty associated with load
5 growth -- not that we're trying to target any
6 particular accuracy.

7 I think our -- if we had a target, we
8 would want to be perfect, you know, but the nature of
9 predicting the energy demand, it's -- it's an uncertain
10 science and can't be done.

11 And -- and our history is that, for --
12 for being able to predict the Manitoba load, the
13 history is what it is, and it's -- there's a five (5)
14 year accuracy and a ten (10) year accuracy metric.

15 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And --

16 MR. DAVID CORMIE: From that, you can
17 imply what it might be in the future.

18 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Okay. And for
19 the information that's been presented to the Board, we
20 wanted to see how wide that probability band had to be
21 before we reached the 10 percent that has been achieved
22 as a matter of practice for Manitoba Hydro.

23 So we haven't reached it at the 5
24 percent to 95 percent, and if we turn to the next page,
25 which is page 2 of 2, if we go to the 2.5 percent and

1 97 percent probability points, we still haven't reached
2 something that matches Manitoba Hydro's experience as
3 of 2023/2024, which is the ten (10) year metric. We're
4 not within that 10 percent accuracy that's been
5 experienced by Manitoba Hydro in its forecasting,
6 correct?

7 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Mr. Hacaault, I -- I
8 think what I might do is, once the transcripts are
9 available, take your questions under advisement and --
10 and speak to the load forecasting people and -- and be
11 -- and come back with an answer to your -- to your
12 question. I -- I don't think I can speak to this
13 knowledge any --

14 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you. Yeah,
15 mathematically, when I look at the numbers, and you can
16 perhaps check this, the only time where we're -- if we
17 look at the probability points, we have to go to the
18 table that says .1 percent and 99.9 percent before we
19 get to a range that meets or exceeds Manitoba Hydro's
20 experience of 10 percent accuracy.

21 Could you double check that when you
22 come back, sir?

23 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes, we'll -- we'll
24 look into that, and -- and we'll provide a -- an
25 undertaking to describe why there is that confusion.

1 MR. IAN PAGE: Mr. Hacault, I -- I was
2 here last week, so I can just maybe speak to this
3 briefly because of the context it was presented in. If
4 you look at -- if you layer on top of this economic
5 cycles, you'll find -- if you look at that graph that
6 was presented on the five (5) and ten (10) forecast
7 accuracy, if you look -- and remember, there was a -- a
8 recession in '90, and one (1) in 2008.

9 So if you -- if you have that in mind,
10 if you look at all the forecasts done before a
11 recession tend to be too high, all the forecasts done
12 right after a recession tend to be too low. That's a -
13 - a very nice repeating cycle that we can see through
14 there, and the fact that we're just after a recession
15 now, you can think -- take that and -- and -- as you
16 will.

17 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yes, we do.

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19 (BRIEF PAUSE)

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21 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Manitoba Hydro will
22 -- will attempt to explain why Manitoba Hydro's
23 historical accuracy doesn't align with the
24 probabilistic analysis presented on pages -- in Exhibit
25 103.

1 --- UNDERTAKING NO. 44: Manitoba Hydro to explain
2 why its historical accuracy
3 doesn't align with the
4 probabilistic analysis
5 presented in Exhibit 103
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7 CONTINUED BY MR. ANTOINE HACAULT:

8 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: I'm going to
9 suggest that the load forecast probabilities and
10 getting those right is important in the exercise that
11 we're doing in this hearing, and is that something
12 you'd be prepared to agree to, Mr. Wojczynski?

13 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: Yes, I'd be
14 prepared to agree to that, and I'd also be prepared to
15 agree with, I think, where you -- what you were
16 suggesting indirectly earlier, is that there is a
17 significant probability that our load can be
18 significantly higher or significantly lower than we're
19 forecasting, and that there are many parameters that --
20 that are involved with that, including the business
21 cycle, and of course, short-term things like weather,
22 and -- and that we need to plan for both possibilities.

23 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: And if the P10
24 and P90 is not matching with Manitoba Hydro experience
25 over the last previous twenty (20) years, how are we to

1 approach picking plans to deal with that issue?

2 MR. ED WOJCZYNSKI: I think we have two
3 (2) questions that get melded into one (1) there. One
4 (1) is the issue that Mr. Cormie took an undertaking
5 on. The other is, given that there is uncertainty in
6 the load growth and it -- it can be exemplified by the
7 2 1/2 percent and 97 1/2 percent or by -- by some other
8 metric, we -- we have to through quantitative means
9 look at what happens.

10 We also have to protect against the
11 possibility of higher load growth, so that if we do
12 have the higher load growth, we're in a position to
13 meet it, but also make sure that if the lower load
14 growth happens, that we -- we don't bankrupt ourselves.

15 So -- and that is fundamental to
16 resource planning is looking at those possibilities,
17 and that's what we've been trying to do in our
18 submission is to account for both of those
19 possibilities.

20 And generally, our -- our position is
21 that -- that having a preferred -- having a plan with a
22 750 megawatt interconnection gives us more flexibility
23 to do with lower or higher load growth and advancing
24 generation, and -- and selling at least a good portion
25 of that into the export market to help pay for it helps

1 us with our reliability in case we have a higher load
2 growth, but it also gives us somebody who pays for the
3 generation if it turns out our load growth didn't need
4 it.

5 So we think there's -- from that point
6 of view, we think the Preferred Plan gives us a -- a
7 better overall plan to deal with those kinds of
8 uncertainties, just like we have for the last twenty-
9 five (25) years.

10 MR. DAVID CORMIE: Yeah. In that -- in
11 that regard, although we have -- it appears that we've
12 linked the new line with Minnesota Power to the power
13 sale, they're actually separate. Minnesota Power and
14 Manitoba Hydro have agreed that we will target a 2020
15 in-service date, even if Keeyask is delayed.

16 Because we have that risk of -- of delay
17 and the risk of load growth, the -- the 750 megawatt of
18 import capability gives us tremendous flexibility in a
19 situation where load growth all of a sudden becomes
20 higher than we had expected.

21 And -- and by separating them, we have a
22 hedge against high load growth or unexpected
23 circumstances, and -- and then we're proceeding on that
24 -- on that basis.

25 MR. ANTOINE HACAULT: Thank you very

1 much for being very helpful. I had one (1) or two (2)
2 other areas which I'm not going to enter into given the
3 time, and hopefully these areas that I was able to
4 cover presented useful information for the Board.

5 And I thank the Manitoba Hydro panel for
6 doing their best efforts to answer my questions, as
7 ineloquent as they may be, and I wish everybody a good
8 and happy weekend.

9 We still have the issue that I raised at
10 the very outset of my cross-examination, and there's
11 undertakings that we may have some questions on. I'm
12 not too sure whether we'll have to make a formal motion
13 to try and fit that somewhere in our schedule, but I
14 guess we'll take that under advisement and -- and take
15 some direction from the Board in due -- due course on
16 that.

17 MR. BYRON WILLIAMS: Mr. Chair, it's --
18 way in the back, Mr. Williams here.

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Williams, please.

20 MR. BYRON WILLIAMS: Thank you. I was
21 just -- and I don't think I've missed it today, but we
22 were thinking that we might get additional evaluation
23 from Manitoba Hydro with regard to Plan 2 and an
24 evaluation, taking into account the new capital costs
25 at -- at DSM level, or the DSM reference level, and I

1 was just hope -- wondering if we could get an update on
2 that.

3 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: We are working on
4 that, Mr. Williams. We'll provide it as soon as we
5 can.

6 MR. BYRON WILLIAMS: I -- I think that
7 was an earlier undertaking, so I'm not going to have a
8 -- a undertaking to -- to fulfill the undertaking.
9 That's fine.

10 MS. JOANNE FLYNN: It will be
11 considered part of Exhibit 104.

12 MR. SVEN HOMBACH: Ms. Boyd, any last
13 undertakings to speak to before we break for the
14 weekend?

15 MS. MARLA BOYD: No, thank you.

16 THE CHAIRPERSON: There being no
17 business, I would like to thank the panel for the work
18 up to now. Who knows what the future will bring, but -
19 - so thank you very much for your contribution to the
20 work of the panel this week, and I also want to thank
21 everyone else who contributed to the work.

22 It's been a long week, but a fruitful
23 one, and I would wish you all a good weekend, and we'll
24 see some of the Manitoba Hydro people on Monday morning
25 at nine o'clock sharp, as long -- as well as the

1 Intervenor and advisors. So have a good weekend,
2 everyone. Thank you very much.

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4 (PANEL RETIRES)

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6 --- Upon adjourning at 4:26 p.m.

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