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1.0 Reference: None

1.1.1 The BC Hydro News Release of May 25, 2006 that announced Hydro's application for increases of 4.65% in 2006 and 2.71% in 2007 (i.e. cumulative total increase of 7.49%) described the proposed increase as "in line with the rate of inflation in BC since the last increase in 2004." Our check of BC Statistics web site indicates inflation of 2.2% for the year ending March 2005 and 1.9% for the year ending March 2006, for a total of 4.1% for the two year period. Please explain the apparent anomaly between the BC Stats figures and the BC Hydro statement.

RESPONSE:

BC Hydro's comment reflected that there was no rate increase in F2006.

Please also refer to the response to BCUC IR 1.64.0.

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2.0 Reference: None

1.2.1 Please provide details of the Uneconomic Extension Assistance (UEA) Program for each year from Fiscal 2004 to 2006, including:

- Total UEA funds spent
- Total customers served
- Total kilometres of distribution line constructed

RESPONSE:

Details of the UEA program for the Peace River district are provided below. The total number of kilometres of distribution line constructed is not tracked for specific programs such as the UEA program.

Uneconomic Extension Assistance Program		
	Amount (\$ millions)	Number of Customers
F2004	0.2	45
F2005	0.2	27
F2006	0.4	9

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3.0 Reference: None

1.3.1 Please provide the number of requests received in Fiscal 2004 to 2006, for distribution extensions in the Peace River district (Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge, Dawson Creek, Hudson's Hope, and Fort St John, including rural areas and Alaska Highway north to Pink Mountain) that have been received by BC Hydro that have NOT been constructed because they are not considered feasible under current policy. Exclude requests where the primary applicant was a commercial/industrial customer. Include the following information:

- Total number of requests
- Number of potential residential, farm or secondary commercial customers
- Kilometres of line required to serve the customers
- Total costs for construction of the required lines
- Total amount of customer contribution required for making the projects proceed

RESPONSE:

A total of seven UEA requests have been received that have had estimates prepared but have not progressed to construction. Estimates were prepared and proposals were presented to the proponents but the extensions were not constructed for a number of reasons. The seven UEA requests included a total of 18 potential residential customers, and no farms or secondary commercial customers. Thirty-three km of line would be required to serve the customers with a total cost of construction of \$1.3 million and customer contributions of \$0.8 million.

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4.0 Reference: None

1.4.1 Table 8-3 indicates system wide performance statistics for system availability (ASAI) and duration of outages (CAIDI). Please provide the comparable information for the Peace River district for Fiscal 2004, 2005 and 2006.

RESPONSE:

Comparable information for the Peace River district for Fiscal 2004, 2005 and 2006 is provided in the table below.

Year	Peace River District	
	ASAI	CAIDI
F2004	99.936%	2.47
F2005	99.927%	2.36
F2006 *	99.961%	1.78

* F2006 results are based on 9-month (Apr-Dec 2005) data.

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5.0 Reference: None

1.5.1 Table 8-3 provides system wide performance statistics for CEMI (Multiple Interruptions) and CELID (Long Interruption Duration). Please provide the comparable information for the Peace River district.

RESPONSE:

Comparable information for the Peace River district is provided in the table below.

Year	Peace River District	
	CEMI-4	CELID-6
F2006 *	19%	22%

* F2006 results are based on 9-month (Apr-Dec 2005) data.

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6.0 Reference: None

1.6.1 Are emergency response time targets (1 hour in urban areas, 2 hours in rural areas, 80% of the time) being met in the Peace River district? What are the actual response times for each year from 2004 to 2006?

RESPONSE:

Yes, BC Hydro is meeting the emergency response targets of 2 hours, 80 per cent of the time in the Peace River district. The actual average response times for Peace River district for each year from F2004 to F2006 are provided in the table below.

Year	Actual Average Response Time (hours)
F2004	1.38
F2005	1.15
F2006	1.27

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7.0 Reference: None

1.7.1 Please provide the current Field Services head count at Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort St John and Hudson Hope Transmission headquarters.

RESPONSE:

The Field Services head count at March 31, 2006 at each of the Peace River District locations was as follows:

Location	Regular Employees
Chetwynd	3
Dawson Creek	10 (Note)
Fort St. John	11 (Note)
Hudson Hope Transmission	2

Note: Each of Dawson Creek and Fort St. John include a Storekeeper who was not included in 2004 when Stores was not part of Field Services.

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8.0 Reference: None

1.8.1 The 2004 Revenue Requirements Application indicated the Field Services head count in the Interior was 364.9 in 2003 and is planned to increase to 348.6 in 2006. Please provide the current Field Services head count for the Interior and provide details of any plans for changes to head count including locations planned for increased or decreased staffing.

RESPONSE:

The numbers referred to in the question are FTEs rather than headcount. For F2006, the actual FTEs in the Interior Field Services were 358.3.

The actual headcount at March 31, 2006 was 305. At that date there were 32 management, administration and trades vacancies to be filled.

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9.0 Reference: None

1.9.1 Please describe the stock of replacement distribution transformers held at headquarters in the Peace River district, in 2004 and at the present time.

RESPONSE:

There were 322 replacement distribution transformers held at headquarters in the Peace River district at June 30, 2006. At March 31, 2004 the number was 300.

10.0 Reference: None

1.10.1 Please provide a table which describes the current age profile of distribution poles in the Peace River district.

RESPONSE:

The distribution pole age profile, as of July 2006, for the Peace River district is shown on the table below. Peace River District is defined to include Fort St. John, Chetwynd, Dawson Creek and Fort Nelson service areas.

