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## BC Hydro 2015 Rate Design Application

**BC HYDRO UNDERTAKING NO. 28****HEARING DATE:** August 23, 2016**REQUESTOR:** BCOAPO**TRANSCRIPT REFERENCE:** Volume 6, page 1081 lines 18 - 20**QUESTION:**

With reference to Exhibit B-1, Appendix G-1-B, page 6, why wasn't the hourly rate for a meter technician used to cost out the charge for the first subsequent meter installation?

**RESPONSE:**

Power Line Technicians (PLTs) are required to do all service connection work (installation of service wires or cables associated with the minimum service charges identified in Appendix G-1B). However, meter installations are done by both PLTs and meter technicians, depending on the location, resource availability and the type of work being performed. In cases where a PLT is required to perform the connection work, sometimes the meter installations are performed by the PLT instead of a meter technician to avoid additional travel time and costs or because a meter technician may not be located in a particular region. There are also circumstances where service connections work is first done by a PLT, but a subsequent trip by a meter technician is required to install the meter(s). Because BC Hydro does not track the field resource allocation of First Subsequent Meter installations, the PLT Standard Labour Rate with the reduced travel time was used to calculate the First Subsequent Meter Installation Charge for simplicity.