

1 Q. What did it cost to build the Northern Interconnection and by how much is the
2 Rural Deficit reduced annually because of the interconnection? What is the
3 annualized cost of the Northern Interconnection?

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5 A. The Great Northern Peninsula Interconnection in 1996 cost \$31,418,995.00.
6 Hydro received \$5.0 million Canada/Newfoundland Infrastructure grant
7 resulting in a net cost of \$26,418,995.00. It is not possible to determine by
8 how much the Rural Deficit is reduced for reasons referenced in the
9 response to IC 203(1)(c). The estimated annualized cost associated with the
10 net cost of the Northern Interconnection is \$2.29 million.