

1 Q. With reference to the discussion paper attached to Mr. Wells' Pre-filed
2 Evidence on Hydro Rural Deficit Issues for Minister of Mines and Energy,
3 pages 8 and 13 of 14, can it be concluded that the Northwest Territories
4 Power Corporation recovers the full cost of service from its isolated
5 communities? Is this because the tail block energy charge is far in excess of
6 the costs of supply to compensate for a lower charge for consumption up to
7 700 kWh?

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10 A. Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) does recover its full cost of
11 service. A portion is recovered from government and the remainder from the
12 isolated customers.

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14 There is no tail block charge, however, the portion paid by government to
15 NTPC subsidizes the rate for the 1st 700 kilowatthours for residential
16 customers to be equivalent to the rate approved for Yellowknife. General
17 service customers may apply separately to government for a rebate.