Page 3, lines 59-60 states: "Specifically: a) total energy costs are high, much higher than for residents elsewhere in the province." Response to NP-NLH-101 provides a comparison of electricity costs for customers on Labrador Isolated Systems to the rates of Newfoundland Power's customers. Based upon the information provided in response to NP-NLH-101, please confirm that average electricity costs for Domestic Customers in Labrador Isolated Systems (including the savings from the Northern Strategic Plan subsidy) are lower for customers on Labrador Isolated Systems than for customers of Newfoundland Power with average monthly usage of 1,500 kWh or less. If this cannot be confirmed, please provide support for the quoted statement.

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Including the impact of the Northern Strategic Plan subsidy, average electricity costs for domestic customers in Labrador Isolated Systems, are lower than for customers of Newfoundland Power with average monthly usage of 1,500 kWh or less. However, that finding is insufficient and is only part of the energy picture for the Nunatsiavut Region. Firstly, as noted in the response to NLH-NG-001 above, electricity costs are one component of the overall energy budget for Nunatsiavut residents. Secondly, rates for usage above 1,500 kWh rise substantively. Thirdly, the impact of the Northern Strategic Plan subsidy is modest or negligible on businesses and commercial operations.