

1 Q. Please confirm that the NP Customer Expense used in the calculation of the
2 allocation of the rural deficit, as in Exhibit 13 Schedule 1.2.1, has nothing to do with
3 NP's actual customer expense and that no NP data is used in the calculation.

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6 A. The NP Customer Expense (or Costs) used in the calculation of the allocation of the
7 rural deficit, shown in Exhibit 13, Schedule 1.2.1 is \$4,401,167. This amount relates
8 to plant in service which is owned by Hydro but is specifically assigned to NP as NP
9 is the sole beneficiary of its use. NP's assigned plant is detailed in Hydro's response
10 to IC-NLH-088. The NP Customer Expense shown in Exhibit 13 Schedule 1.2.1 is not
11 related to any direct expense NP incurs in relation to its retail customers.