

1 **Q. Further to the reply to CA-NP 144, when does NP expect to provide its customers**
2 **with a net metering option?**

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4 A. As stated in the *2007 Energy Plan*, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) and
5 Newfoundland Power committed to the Provincial Government that a joint proposal
6 would be submitted to the Board to implement net metering for small-scale renewable
7 energy sources. In the spring of 2010, Hydro and Newfoundland Power presented a draft
8 report on net metering for customer generation less than 100kW for review by the
9 Provincial Government. The draft report proposed a net metering service option similar
10 to those offered in the other Atlantic Provinces.¹

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12 The draft report dealt with customer generation up to a maximum generator size of 100
13 kW. Any customers planning on installing generation in excess of 100 kW would come
14 under a different policy that was being developed by Hydro at the time. During the fall of
15 2010, the provincial government requested that Hydro not submit for approval the policy
16 for customer generation less than 100kW until such time as the policy for customers with
17 generation in excess of 100 kW had been developed.

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19 During the summer of 2012, Hydro provided for Newfoundland Power’s comments a
20 summary proposal for an approach that covers customer generation up to 1 MW.
21 Newfoundland Power provided its feedback on the summary proposal, and Hydro is now
22 working on the details of a net metering policy. The time frame for implementation will
23 largely be dependent upon Hydro, review of the policy by external stakeholders, and the
24 regulatory calendar of the Board.

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26 In the meantime, to ensure its customers are not disadvantaged by the current lack of a
27 net metering option, Newfoundland Power will continue to consider requests from
28 customers proposing to reduce their load requirements by using generation less than 100
29 kW. As noted in the response to Request for Information CA-NP-168, Newfoundland
30 Power currently has three customers who utilize their own generation to offset their load.

¹ The Consumer Advocate also reviewed and commented on the draft proposal.