

1 Q. Reference: Increase Fuel Storage Rigolet, Volume II, Tab 18, Page 15  
2 *“The community government in Rigolet is building a new 7,800 foot recreation*  
3 *center which is expected to be connected by the summer of 2014. The total*  
4 *connected load will be 196 kW with 94 kW allocated for electric heat.”*

5 Please indicate how Hydro considered the rural deficit in its decision-making  
6 associated with this project.

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9 A. If the fuel storage system is not upgraded, Hydro runs the risk of not being able to  
10 store enough fuel on-site to last until the sea ice breakup in the spring/summer,  
11 allowing tankers to reach the community to refuel Hydro’s tanks. This project is  
12 being completed to ensure this does not occur. Status quo is not an alternative.

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14 When requesting approval to carry out capital upgrades, Hydro examines  
15 alternatives and chooses the least cost technically feasible alternative. This  
16 approach leads to the least increase in the rural deficit while maintaining reliable  
17 service.