

1    Q.    **General**

2            Load growth in the isolated communities necessitating capital expenditures appears  
3            to be related to the installation of electric heat. In light of the subsidy being paid by  
4            other customers has Hydro had discussions with government relating to the use of  
5            electricity as a heating source in isolated diesel communities?

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8    A.    Hydro has not had formal discussions with government relating to the use of  
9            electricity as a heating source in isolated diesel communities in the past number of  
10           years.

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12           Hydro did request that the provincial government not install electric heating in any  
13           of its own facilities that were located on isolated diesel systems and as a result, a  
14           Cabinet Directive was passed on March 8, 1990, directing “all Government  
15           departments, agencies, and other publically funded bodies not to install additional  
16           electric heating in facilities located in communities that are served by diesel...”  
17           (please refer to PUB-NLH-001 Attachment 1).

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19           This directive is still in effect.

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## CABINET DIRECTIVE



*The following is a Copy of a Directive  
passed by Cabinet at a Meeting held on  
March 8th., 1990*

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M & E. 10-'90. R.P.C. 23-'90. T.B.M. 163-'90. The Department of Mines and Energy is authorized to direct all Government departments, agencies and other publicly funded bodies not to install additional electric heating in facilities located in communities that are served by diesel generation, with the Department, in consultation with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, to formally request, on behalf of the Province, that the Federal Government comply with the same policy.

Secretary to the Cabinet