

1    **B-71 Automatic Meter Reading, \$695,000**

2    Q.    Would the existence of a Service Agreement for existing meters have an  
3           effect on the NPV analysis provided on page B-73?

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6    A.    No, the existence of a Service Agreement will not have an effect on the NPV  
7           analysis. A Service Agreement for the existing Handheld System will be  
8           required, in whole or in part, as long as Hydro is using this system.

9           Converting the St. Anthony and Bay D'Espoir Systems to AMR will not

10          reduce or eliminate the Service Agreement for the Handheld System.