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It is stated "the Company is unable to determine whether \$350, which was derived by simply dividing New Brunswick Power's total project budget by the total number of customers from a 2018 news article, is an appropriate unit cost to install smart meters for customers in this province." What unit cost was used in NP's most recent study and the Dunsky study on smart meters in NL?

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A. The Dunsky study, completed in 2019, assumed a capital cost of approximately \$88.6 million for the deployment of 275,000 AMI meters. This represents a capital cost of approximately \$322 per meter.<sup>1</sup>

The capital cost used by Dunsky in the 2019 Dunsky study was derived from "Decision – Matter No. 375" from the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board, 2018.