

1 **Q. Reference: Dr. Booth Evidence, Page 76, Lines 14 to Page 77, Line 8**

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3 **Please confirm that customer rates of 17¢/kwh would be higher than any other**
4 **rates listed in the table on page 76 of his evidence.**
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6 A. Dr. Booth's rough calculations would be that the residential bill in Halifax would
7 still be higher as indicated on page 77 of his report. However, given the "back of
8 the envelope" nature of the calculation he would accept that the bills in Halifax
9 might be slightly lower. Of importance is that Nova Scotia Power, which services
10 Halifax, has 37.5% common equity not the 45% allowed NP. Further, when he
11 provided a report on NS Power there was no suggestion that the high electricity rates
12 in Nova Scotia threatened the recovery of NS Power's costs. It is difficult to see
13 how electricity costs slightly higher than those in Halifax could seriously endanger
14 NP's ability to earn its allowed ROE.