

1 Q. The Application states on page 7, line 17, that Hydro requires payment to perform
2 any upgrading to distribution systems or installing metering equipment.

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4 (a) Will there be additional cost for metering? What percentage of Hydro
5 customers currently have bi-directional meters? Who will pay for any
6 additional metering costs, who will be responsible for installation, and who
7 will own the metering installation?

8 (b) When determining the additional cost, will a calculation be made to
9 determine cost offsets as well? For example, will Hydro take into
10 consideration expected reductions in losses and deferment of new facilities,
11 and, if so, on what basis will these savings be evaluated?

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14 A. (a) Regulation 9(c) of the Schedule of Rates and Regulations requires:

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16 *Where special facilities are required or requested by the*
17 *Customer or any facility is relocated at the request of the*
18 *Customer, the Customer shall pay Hydro in advance the*
19 *estimated additional cost of providing the special facilities*
20 *and the estimated cost of the relocation less any betterment.*

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22 Providing net metering to customers will require additional costs to be incurred by
23 Hydro for metering, as Hydro customers do not normally require bi-directional
24 meters to receive service. To provide this special metering arrangement will require
25 Hydro to purchase and install the meter, for which the cost will be recovered from
26 the net metering customer.

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1 Customers are also responsible for any required modifications to their meter
2 socket, service mast¹, main switch, service panel and wiring inside their premises.
3 These service components are owned by the customer.

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5 (b) No.

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7 In general, net metering customers that materially reduce their energy
8 requirements do not pay their reasonable share of the cost of the electrical system
9 that must remain available to meet their needs.

¹ A service mast is the vertical section of conduit that houses the wiring between the service entrance and the service drop.