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Q. Does Dr. Feehan believe that rational people can hold different but valid opinions on fairness?
Please explain.

A. This is a broad philosophical question with no reference to electricity pricing or to the allocation of the rural deficit. However, I will answer with respect to the fairness of the current method of allocating the rural deficit.

In my report, I observed that since 2002 Labrador Interconnected customers have on the average paid three times the average amount NP customers have paid towards the rural deficit. In its Amended 2013 General Rate Application (Vol. I, p.4.8, Table 4.1), Hydro estimates that for the 2015 Test Year if the current allocation method were kept in place then the average burdens would be:

Labrador Interconnected customer:	\$653.15
Newfoundland Power customer :	\$216.54

Thus, the pattern of Labrador Interconnected customers paying, on the average, approximately three times what NP customers pay would persist. I believe that most informed rational observers without vested interest would consider this to be very unfair, especially considering that Labrador customers do not benefit from the rural deficit any more than NP customers; that is to say, neither group receives any benefit from the rural deficit.