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QUESTION:

If Dr. Higgin's conclusion is that the Manitoba Government economic transfers are "substantial enough to return a portion to the account of the MH customers", why would this amount not be best returned via a general credit to the Manitoba Hydro revenue requirement, rather than as a new subsidy to a single class of ratepayers?

RESPONSE:

As noted in the evidence, the model used to prepare a preliminary estimate of costs and benefits is the Ontario Clean Energy Credit. This is targeted at consumers with a consumption of <3000kwh/month. Other alternatives were not analyzed.

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QUESTION:

Please provide any analysis Dr. Higgin has produced on the potential role of a "Clean Energy Benefit" to commercial and industrial customers, including "vulnerable" customers in these classes which are particularly sensitive to energy price changes.

RESPONSE:

Vulnerable Consumers were defined in the evidence as Residential electricity consumers with certain income/home ownership/consumption characteristics. The preliminary impacts of future MH rate increases on these consumers, was the focus of the analysis. No analysis regarding other consumers was undertaken.