

Question 56:

A number of participants referenced “two meters” on Hydro buildings in the North and how MH employees get “free heat” – please explain the two meters and explain if MH employees in the North get “free heat”.

Response:

Manitoba Hydro employees living in Corporate housing do not get “free heat”.

Corporate housing provided to Manitoba Hydro employees living north of the 53rd parallel are normally fitted with two meters.

One meter is for heating. As the accommodations vary with respect to energy efficiency and building standards, heating costs will also vary widely. As such, to maintain equity amongst employees, they are charged a flat rate for heat, which is deducted through payroll deduction. That flat rate is derived from the lowest average heating costs in Winnipeg, adjusted annually.

The second meter is for all other energy consumption and employees pay for this directly. The rates charged are identical to all other Manitoba Hydro residential customers on the grid.