

Media Release

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Power consumer line charges refund

Far North power consumers are to get an unexpected windfall this month.

Those with connections to Top Energy's lines network on 13 May 2007 will qualify for a rebate on their line charges paid over the last two years. A domestic household should receive around \$45.00. In most cases, a credit will be included in their May/June power accounts. Some consumers with direct billing arrangements with the company will receive refund cheques by mail.

According to Top Energy, when the company calculates power consumers' line charge each year, it takes into account transmission fees which are charged by national grid operator, Transpower. These fees are estimated in advance and if actual transmission costs fall below these estimated charges, as was the case during the last 2 years, a surplus results. The amount credited is each power consumer's share of the surplus collected. END.

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