

1 **Q. Does NP believe that a seasonal rate remains a viable rate alternative for**  
2 **customers? Please explain.**

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4 A. Yes

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6 The seasonal rate (Rate #1.1s) provides customers with an energy charge which is lower  
7 than the standard domestic rate (Rate #1.1) during the non-winter months and higher than  
8 it is during the winter months. The seasonal rate remains viable for those customers who  
9 can take advantage of the lower non-winter energy charge to reduce their overall annual  
10 electricity costs.