

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Subcommittee on the Northern Canada Power Commission of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development was appointed to study the NCPC because of northerners' concerns about electrical power costs and rate structures, as well as the NCPC's mode of operation and means of regulation. The subcommittee's hearings across the North and other investigations confirmed the validity of these concerns, and the need for action by the Government of Canada to resolve them. (Part II)

The subcommittee's findings and recommendations may be summarized as follows:

Organizational Alternatives (Part III)

In examining present organizational arrangements, the subcommittee found that:

- the territorial governments have almost no legislative and regulatory jurisdiction over the NCPC as a federal Crown corporation;
- the federal government's powers, decision making and budgetary processes do not make the NCPC fully accountable to the people it serves;
- although the NCPC is remote from its consumers and their territorial governments, relocating the NCPC in the North would give rise to some additional costs and long-term commitments; and
- any utility solely serving the North would have difficulty in obtaining all the expertise it needs.

These findings cause the subcommittee to make the following recommendations:

- 1) The federal government should enter into discussions with the territorial governments for the purpose of creating separate territorial Crown corporations to assume present NCPC responsibilities.**