

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
being Schedule B to the *Energy Competition Act, 1998* S.O.
1998, c. 15;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Horizon Utilities
Corporation to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order or
Orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and
other service charges for the distribution of electricity as of
January 1, 2011.

**HORIZON UTILITIES CORPORATION (“HORIZON UTILITIES”)
RESPONSE TO
ENERGY PROBE INTERROGATORY #1(a) ON THE PRELIMINARY ISSUE**

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Reference: Ref: Exhibit 1, Tab 1, Schedule 1, pages 6-10

Question 1 a

Please provide all other pressures that have led Horizon Utilities to file a cost of service application for 2011 rather than waiting for 2012, other than the four items listed.

Response:

Horizon Utilities submits that the Manager’s Summary broadly outlines, in a summarized format, pressures and reasons leading it to the advancement of its cost of service application. Such pressures are elaborated on with reasons throughout the Application. Respectfully, it would be impractical to extract and repeat all pressures and reasons provided in the body of the Application in response to this question.

Horizon Utilities has provided further elaboration in its response to Board staff interrogatory 4a) and 4b). Specifically, in its response to Board staff interrogatory 4b), Horizon Utilities has advised of its discussions with its Large Use customers and media coverage of a previously unanticipated shutdown, the effects of which will be a further significant reduction in load and revenue. As noted in such response, this advance rebasing application will enable Horizon Utilities to address, among other elements

- 1 provided in the Application, past cost deferrals and ongoing revenue risks associated
- 2 with load losses.
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