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February 10, 2009

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Board Staff Submission - Procedural Order No. 4
West Coast Huron Energy Inc. ("West Coast Huron")
Application for Approval of 2009 Electricity Distribution Rates
Board File No. EB-2008-0248**

The following is the submission of Board staff addressing the procedural issues regarding the West Coast Huron responses to the second round of interrogatories, as per Procedural Order No. 4, issued on February 6, 2009:

a) Whether Further Discovery is Required, either in the Form of Further Interrogatories or a Technical Conference.

Board staff has specific comments on the following areas of the West Coast Huron interrogatory responses received on February 2, 2009:

Economic Assumptions/Load Forecast

Board staff would still like to confirm if the normalized forecast of 144,307,921 kWh as provided in Schedule 4D by the Applicant in response to Board Staff Supplementary Interrogatory #4 is the forecast the Applicant is relying on directly in support of its application.

OM&A

Board staff found the responses to the O&M interrogatories to be generally complete with the exception of Board staff Supplementary Interrogatory #6 regarding compensation and Board staff Supplementary Interrogatory #7 regarding one-time and on-going regulatory costs.

Deferral and Variance Accounts

Board staff acknowledges that West Coast Huron is not requesting recovery of its Deferral and Variance Account balances, however some discrepancies were noticed in the second round responses, specifically the apparent rate rider recoveries recorded to account 1508 rather than 1590.

Further information on these issues would be beneficial to the provision of a clear record for this proceeding.

In summary, Board staff submits that in light of the small number of issues with the second round IR responses, further interrogatories and/or a technical conference are not required. However, an informal discussion by conference call with West Coast Huron and intervenors could result in a limited number of clarification filings to address these issues.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Ontario Energy Board Staff
Case Manager EB-2008-0248

cc: All parties, EB-2008-0248