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VIA MAIL and E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)
EB-2009-0263
Festival Hydro Inc – 2010 Electricity Distribution Rate Application

Please find enclosed the interrogatories of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) in the above-noted proceeding.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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Festival Hydro Inc. ("FHI") 2010 Rate Application

Board File No. EB-2009-0263

Second Round Interrogatories of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC")

Question #21

Reference: VECC #2 c)

- a) Does FHI have any idea as to what it would cost to undertake a lead-lag study?
- b) If the response to a) is affirmative, please provide an estimate.

Question #22

Reference: VECC #3 a)

- a) Please reconcile this response with the information provided at Exhibit 2/Tab 2/Schedule 1, page 7, Table 7.

Question #23

Reference: VECC #5 a) and b)

- a) Given the increase in prices related to scrap and given the actual 2009 Other Distribution Revenues to September 30, 2009, please provide updated projections for 2009 and 2010 Other Distribution Revenues.

Question #24

Reference: VECC #10 a) and b)
OEB Staff #7 b)

- a) Please confirm that for the smaller towns the 2006 population levels along with the growth rates shown in OEB #7 b) were used to estimate the population for these towns throughout the historical/forecast period analyzed. If not, please provide a schedule setting out the population levels used for the small towns (in total) for each year from 1998 to 2010.

- b) With respect to the response to part VECC #10 b), why wasn't the population growth between 1996 and 2001 used to calculate the monthly growth back to 1998.

Question #25

Reference: VECC #12 b)

- a) Please provide a table that for each year from 2004 to 2010 sets out the actual/forecast number of customer additions (for Residential, GS<50, GS>50, and Large Use) and the actual/forecast spending on capital spending on connections (both gross and net of customer capital contributions).

Question #26

Reference: VECC #13 a) and b)

- a) Please provide a copy of the referenced report in part a).
- b) Please provide the formula for calculating the 0.9927% geometric mean.

Question #27

Reference: VECC #20 b) and c)

- a) With respect to the Table provided in the response to part b), please confirm that the Network and Connection Charges from the IESO for the months of July 2009 and later reflect the increase in Uniform Transmission Service rates approved by the Board in EB-2008-0272.
- b) The original Application indicated that for the period January – June 2009, customers were overcharged for Networks service by 12.58%. Given that the Network charges increased by 3.5% (per OEB Guideline G-2008-0001) on July 1, 2009 why wouldn't the adjustment required to Retail Network Service rates be a 9.1% reduction (i.e. reduce by 12.58% to remove bias in current rates then increase by 3.5% to account for increase in uniform transmission rates)?
- c) Please explain more fully (with supporting schedules) the calculations undertaken to produce the 4.1% increase in Network rates and the 0.4% decrease in Connection rates discussed in the response to part c).