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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2010-0137 – Milton Hydro – Technical Conference Questions

Please find attached the Technical Conference Questions of the School Energy Coalition (SEC) for EB-2010-0137.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Originally signed by Mark Rubenstein

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cc: Applicant and Intervenors (by email)

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

AND IN THE MATTER of an application by Milton Hydro Distribution
Inc. for an Order or Orders approving just and reasonable rates and other
service charges for the distribution of electricity.

TECHNICAL CONFERENCE QUESTIONS
FROM THE
SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION

1. [SEC #5]

The response to the SEC Interrogatory states that the preliminary assessment conducted by Johnston Donald Associates Inc. valued the property at 7472 Fifth Line at between \$600,000 to \$700,000.

- a) Why is it that the budget for the purchase of the property is at \$700,000?
- b) Why has there been no inspection of the property?

Note: SEC will be requesting an undertaking from the Applicant to provide a copy of the preliminary assessment conducted by Johnston Donald Associates Inc. It would be helpful if the Applicant could provide it to all parties before the Technical Conference.

2. [SEC #6, EP #8]

In response to the SEC interrogatory, the Applicant states that “[t]here is no documentation defining the rationale or business case for the construction of a new office/service centre”. If this is the case, what specific investigations and/or inquiries did the Applicant take to come to the conclusion that building a new office/service centre was the most effective solution to the need for space?

3. [SEC #9]

What was the reason for the significant increase in Legal & Audit Fees between 2008 and 2009 and from 2009 to 2010?

4. [SEC # 10]

- a) Do other LDCs provide Reminder Calls?
- b) How effective is this service?
- c) What % of Collections employee time is spent conducting Reminder Calls?

5. [Energy Probe #12]

How did the Applicant reach the estimate of \$100,127?

6. [Energy Probe #20]

How did the Applicant reach the estimate of \$150,127?

7. [Energy Probe #38]

Please explain the variance between the OM&A forecast in the application and the Board of Director approved amount for 2010?

8. [Energy Probe #43]

How did the Applicant reach the forecast of a 3% increase for executive and management employees?

9. [VECC #26]

In response to the interrogatory asking about the high management to non-management employee ratio, the Applicant stated that this was due to the overseeing of work done by contractors. What are the supervisory duties that management employees conduct over contractors in each of the areas that the Applicant mentions in its answer to the interrogatory?

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the School Energy Coalition this 1st day of December, 2010

Mark Rubenstein