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**VIA E-MAIL/RESS**

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
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Dear Ms. Walli

**Re: EB-2010-0331 Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. Application**  
**Approval of CDM Programs**  
**Interrogatories of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

Please find enclosed VECC's interrogatories regarding the above Application.

Yours truly,

*Original signed*

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**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF *the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*;  
AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.  
For an Order or Orders confirming the 2011 to 2014 Conservation and Demand  
Management Strategy and approving funding for the 2011 to 2014 Board-Approved  
Conservation and Demand Management Programs

**VECC IR#1**

Reference: Exhibit B Tab 1 Schedule 2 Figures 1 and 2

Preamble: Hydro One Brampton will take full advantage of the OPA-Contracted CDM Programs, which are expected to achieve approximately 83% of Hydro One Brampton's CDM targets. To achieve the remaining 17%, Hydro One Brampton will undertake Board-Approved CDM programs. Figure 1 summarizes Hydro One Brampton's anticipated peak savings, and energy savings achievements for OPA Contracted and Board-Approved CDM Programs for the 2011 to 2014 period.

- a) Provide the basis of the 83% split between OPA and HOB targets and budgets.
- b) Provide the documentation that shows the OPA program allocation of \$39.6 million to HOB.
- c) Explain why Figure 1 has no amount for the OPA Low Income program. Provide the figures and revised total from OPA.
- d) Provide a copy of the consultant(s) report(s) on the Economic Potential for CDM in HOB's service territory.
- e) For the OPA programs provide more details on the allocation methodologies and the calculations for each sector.
- f) For HOB is an allocation based on load or number of customers times average use more appropriate? Please comment and provide illustrations.
- g) Did HOB arrive at its programs on a similar methodology or were they designed on a bottom up basis? Please describe.

**VECC IR#2**

Reference: Exhibit B Tab 1 Schedule 2 Exhibit C Initiative C

Preamble: The first step in developing the CDM strategy was to examine Hydro One's service territory and customer base from a CDM perspective.

- a) Provide copies of the report(s) that Hydro One Brampton prepared to understand its residential customer base. If not available, provide information on loads, customer average uses for electric and non electric space and hot water.
- b) Provide all reports prepared for OPA and/or Hydro One Brampton that establish the profile of Hydro One's Residential Customer base in terms of
  - i. numbers
  - ii. domicile- archetype
  - iii. own/rent,
  - iv. income level
  - v. annual electricity consumption
- c) Provide similar Province-wide data to position HOB within the totals.
- d) How will HOB customers access the programs will there be a similar registration system to OPA and will customers need to register twice. (Once with OPA and Once with HOB)?

### **VECC IR#3**

Reference: Exhibit B Tab 1 Schedule 2 Exhibit C Initiative 9

Preamble: For HON a total budget of \$181 million was established after adding another \$15 million for the Low Income Program. The OPA budget for low income is not yet finalized. The \$15 million budget for low income is based on Hydro One's percentage of the number of customers in the Province.

- a) Provide the budget estimated for the OPA Low Income program for the HOB territory. Provide the OPA/HOB definition of qualifying low income customers (e.g. Low Income Families that pay their own electricity bills with an annual income < Stats Canada LICO +125%).
- b) Provide a profile of HOB and Provincial Low Income customers demographics such as those requested in IR#2b).
- c) What is HOBs percentage of residential Low income customers relative to the provincial total? Provide the data.
- d) Why is the proposed LI budget indicated in response to part a) appropriate? Benchmark this budget to:
  - i. The total residential spend (OPA and HOB)
  - ii. the Ontario gas utilities and
  - iii. other Canadian jurisdictions specifically, Manitoba BC and Quebec
- e) Is HOB planning to supplement the OPA LI Programs? Please provide details of these LI programs.

### **VECC IR#4**

Reference: Exhibit B Tab 1 Schedule 2 Figure 4

- a) Why is Screening at a Program Level Appropriate? Please discuss.
- b) Provide details of TRC and PAC screening at a measure level for all measures in each program.
- c) Provide details of screening of Low Income programs at a measure level as well as program level.

## **VECC IR#5**

Reference: Exhibit B Tab 1 Schedule 2 Figure 5

- a) Provide the annual cost of the programs 2011-2014 on a per customer basis for residential customers given the proposed allocation of budgets for both OPA and HOB programs separately.
- b) Provide an estimate of the impact of the total CDM on residential customers (year round and seasonal with consumption of 250, 500, 750 and 100kwh per month, assuming average load profiles.

## **VECC IR#6**

Reference: Exhibit B Tab 1 Schedule 2 Monitor and Control

- a) Is HOB planning to claim any SSM or LRAM for its CDM programs?
- b) If so will there be an independent audit or will OPA perform this function? Please discuss how accountability to ratepayers will be achieved.
- c) Will HON and HO Brampton conduct one set of E&V activities for all programs?
- d) How will E&V be coordinated with OPA?
- e) What is the annual cost of the E&V activity?

## **VECC IR#7**

General- No Reference

- a) When is HOB going to launch its programs and how will this mesh with HON and OPA?
- b) Will HOB hold meetings with stakeholders to develop details of program design and delivery? Provide details.