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VIA MAIL and E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge St.
Toronto, ON
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)
EB-2007-0867
Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation – 2008 Electricity Distribution
Rate Application

Please find enclosed the Interrogatories of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Michael Buonaguro
Counsel for VECC
Encl.

cc: David Kenney
Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sch.B, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act* for an Order or Orders approving just and reasonable rates for the delivery and distribution of electricity.

VECC's Interrogatories

Question #1

Reference:

- i) Main Application, page 2
- ii) Main Application, Appendix B
- iii) Main Application, Rates Effective May 1, 2008

- a) Based on the calculations set out in Reference (ii) Middlesex calculates proposed Transmission Network and Connection Charges for residential customers of \$0.0045 / kWh and \$0.0043 / kWh respectively. However, the retail Transmission rates quoted in Reference (i) are \$0.0055 / kWh and \$0.0049 / kWh respectively and in Reference (iii) they are \$0.055 / kWh and \$0.0049 / kWh respectively. Please reconcile.
- b) If the proposed retail transmission rates set out in Reference (ii) are not the correct ones, please explain why.

Question #2

Reference:

- i) Main Application, Appendix A
- ii) OEB Decision EB-2007-0063/EB-2007-0553
- iii) OEB Decision EB-2007-0553/EB-2007-0110

- a) Did Middlesex have an approved Smart Meter rate adder for 2006?

- If yes, what was it and why aren't the associated revenues reflected in the Smart Meter Adder recovery calculation in Reference (i)?
 - If yes, please indicate the 2006 revenues associated with the "adder"
- b) According to Reference (iii), the Board approved a Smart Meter adder of \$2.29 / month / metered customer effective May 1, 2007.
- Why aren't there any revenues associated with this adder shown in Reference (i) for the period May 2007 to October 2007?
 - Please confirm what the 2007 "adder" was for this period and what the associated revenues were.
- c) According to Reference (ii), the Board approved both a smart meter rate adder (\$1.35) and a smart meter rate rider (\$0.75) effective November 1, 2007.
- Why aren't these rates and revenues shown in Reference (ii) for the period November 1, 2007 to April 31, 2008?
 - Please confirm what the smart meter rate riders and adders were for this period and what the associated revenues were.
- d) With respect to Reference (i), why for purposes of determining the Smart Meter Adder Recovery was the number of metered customers per the 2006 EDR used as opposed to actual metered customers?
- e) What is the "2006 Plus" column in Appendix A meant to capture? Why is it appropriate to add these costs to the actual 2006 and 2007 costs.

Question #3

Reference:

- i) Main Application, pages 1-2
- ii) Main Application, IRM Model, page 10
- iii) Board Staff Information Request #21

- a) Please provide a schedule supporting the requested \$1.93 per meter smart meter rate adder for 2008.