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

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2010-0141 – St. Thomas Energy Inc. – Technical Conference Questions**

Please find attached the Technical Conference Questions of the School Energy Coalition (SEC) with respect to EB-2010-0141 pursuant to Procedural Order #2 issued by the Board.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

*Originally signed by*

Mark Rubenstein

cc: Applicant and Intervenors

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

**AND IN THE MATTER** of an Application St. Thomas Energy 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 #3]  
While STESI and STEI Board of Director costs are not included in this application, the information is important with respect to examining the relationship between these entities and STEI. Please provide the list of the Board of Directors and their brief biographies for STESI and STEI.
2. [SEC #9]  
Please provide any financial statements for STESI and its affiliates for 2010.
3. [SEC #19b] With respect to the position of Director, Regulatory Affairs:
  - a) Please provide a breakdown of the compensation
  - b) How was the salary determined? Please provide all supporting documentation.
4. [SEC #20]  
Please update the evidence to account for the 5.6% weighted average cost of debt that STEI has requested.
5. [SEC #22, Board Staff #38]  
Please explain why STEI should not conform with the Ontario Energy Board's Cost Allocation Model.
6. [SEC #23]  
Has STEI consulted with the City of St. Thomas about the proposal to eliminate the Large User customer class? If so, please provide details.
7. [VECC #23]  
Please provide details with respect to the senior lenders consulted about financing alternatives for the promissory note from the City of St. Thomas.

8. [EP #19]  
Should this matter not proceed to an oral hearing, what would the impact be on the various regulatory costs outlined in the interrogatory answer.
9. [EP #22]  
Please provide any documentation from the meeting with the regional representative from Infrastructure Ontario and the reasons supporting the decision to not make use of the debt program.
10. [Board Staff #10]  
Please provide the update to the cost of power input for the Allowance for Working Capital (WCA) calculation.
11. [Board Staff #20]  
Please provide any studies or analysis to confirm the ‘belief’ that the fees paid are below market.
12. [Board Staff #21]  
Please provide the requested calculation of the OM&A portion of the Expenses and confirm whether, or to what extent, the resulting variance will reverse by the end of the year expected to be ‘minimal’, and indicate by what percentage.

Submitted by the School Energy Coalition on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

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