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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4 Midland Power Utility Corporation 16984 Highway #12 P.O. Box 820 Midland ON L4R 4P4 Attention: Phil Marley

Dear Ms. Walli:

# Re: Application by Midland Power Utility Corporation ("Midland") for an Extension to its Mandated Time-of-Use Pricing Date for Certain Regulated Price Plan Consumers;

#### Board File Number EB-2011-0133; Written Interrogatories

Further to the Board's Notice of Application and Written Hearing for File EB-2011-0133, and more recently the Board's order to combine the above proceeding with the PowerStream Inc. application (EB-2011-0117), please find attached the Canadian Federation of Independent Business ("CFIB") interrogatories for the Midland proceeding.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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# **CANADIAN FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS - INTERROGATORIES**

# Application by Midland Power Utility Corporation for an Extension to its Mandated Time-of-Use

# Pricing Date for Certain Regulated Price Plan Consumers

## EB-2011-0133 Dated: May 30, 2011

1. Midland states in its application that it is ready to implement time of use rates for small commercial customers, and that it anticipates, if these customers cannot shift consumption away from the peak periods, this will lead to higher bills.

If Midland is ready to implement the time of use rates, does this mean that bills for small commercial customers can be computed accurately using available consumption information for individual customers and the time of use rates? If so, has Midland made such computations? If yes, please provide a frequency distribution of total annual bill increases and decreases resulting from applying the time of use rates to Midland's General Service <50 kW class, in terms of percentage total bill change and the dollar value of bill changes in the class. If Midland has not made such a computation, please do so for a randomly selected sample of customers in the class, and provide the results.

2. Does Midland have any information as to whether the expected levels of bill impact on Midland's small business customers would be typical of the customers of other Ontario LDCs? If so, please provide the information to the extent allowed by considerations of confidentiality, if any.

3. Please list and describe the measures that Midland plans to take during the postponement period, if approved by the Board.

4. Is Midland confident that customer bill impacts can be mitigated by the new proposed implementation date of February 1, 2012? Why, or why not?

5. Has Midland consulted with customers, or with organizations of small business in developing measures to reduce the negative impacts of time of use rates? If not, what is Midland's view of the potential value of such consultations?

6. Is Midland aware of any requirement of the Ontario Energy Board for LDCs to compute and report customer bill impacts resulting from the implementation of TOU rates?

7. Has Midland been provided with any data by the OPA as to the level of acceptance of the CDM programs by the GS < 50 kW class, or as to the results achieved by the program participants? If so, please provide that data.