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January 9, 2012

Kirsten Walli **Board Secretary** Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: **Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited** 2012 IRM3 Distribution Rate Application

**Board Staff Interrogatories** Board File No. EB-2011-0171

In accordance with the Notice of Application and Hearing, please find attached Board Staff Interrogatories in the above proceeding. Please forward the following to Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited and to all other registered parties to this proceeding.

In addition please advise Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited that responses to interrogatories are due by January 23, 2012.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Georgette Vlahos Analyst - Applications & Regulatory Audit

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# Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited EB-2011-0171

# **Board Staff Interrogatories**

# **Tax Savings Workform**

Interrogatory #1

Ref: A portion of the Tax-Savings Workform, Tab 3 Ref: A portion of the Revenue-to-Cost Ratio, Tab 3

Rate Group	Rate Class	Fixed Metric	Vol Metric	Re-based Billed Customers or Connections A	Re-based Billed kWh B	Re-based Billed kW C
RES	Residential	Customer	kWh	2,322	26,267,362	
GSLT50	General Service Less Than 50 kW	Customer	kWh	391	12,405,535	
GSGT50	General Service 50 to 1,499 kW	Customer	kW	38		53,176
GSGT50	Intermediate With Self Generation	Customer	kW	3		59,721
Sen	Sentinel Lighting	Connection	kW	10		72
SL	Street Lighting	Connection	kW	922		3,084

# Ref: EB-2009-0266, Draft Rate Order, Rate Maker Model

CUSTOMERS (CONNECTIONS)											
Customer Class Name	2006 EDR	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009	2009	2010			
Customer Class Name	Approved	Actual	Actual	Actual	Normalized	Normalized	Actual	Normalized			
Residential	2,340	2,318	2,316	2,318	2,318	2,320	2,320	2,322			
GS<50kW	395	399	391	391	391	391	391	391			
GS>50kW	39	41	41	41	41	39	39	38			
Intermediate Users	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			
Sentinel Lights	23	46	45	38	38	12	12	10			
Street Lights	900	903	909	916	916	915	915	922			
TOTAL	3,700	3,710	3,705	3,707	3,707	3,680	3,680	3,686			

METERED KILOWATT-HOURS (kWh)											
Customer Class Name	2006 EDR	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009	2009	2010			
Customer Class Name	Approved	Actual	Actual	Actual	Normalized	Normalized	Actual	Normalized			
Residential	27,473,386	25,897,339	27,069,577	26,596,195	26,581,493	26,604,427	26,719,860	26,627,362			
GS<50kW	12,719,994	12,993,046	12,370,240	12,592,670	12,405,535	12,405,535	11,429,892	12,405,535			
GS>50kW	21,314,306	19,484,942	21,523,842	20,680,870	20,524,699	19,523,494	18,126,386	19,022,892			
Intermediate Users	47,635,245	53,977,594	44,939,095	24,123,994	24,123,994	20,110,397	20,110,397	18,502,357			
Sentinel Lights	64,848	60,823	54,603	42,445	42,445	26,687	26,687	23,544			
Street Lights	1,108,379	1,091,309	1,097,289	1,159,799	1,159,799	1,001,530	1,001,530	1,006,025			
TOTAL	110,316,158	113,505,053	107,054,646	85,195,973	84,837,965	79,672,071	77,414,752	77,587,715			

KILOWATTS (kW)												
Customer Class Name	2006 EDR Approved	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Actual	2008 Normalized	2009 Normalized	2009 Actual	2010 Normalized				
Residential				110100								
GS<50kW												
GS>50kW	60,958	55,083	57,195	56,061	56,061	50,670	50,670	53,176				
Intermediate Users	108,040	115,268	109,115	70,701	70,701	65,897	65,897	59,721				
Sentinel Lights	182	168	148	121	121	99	99	72				
Street Lights	3,072	3,036	3,056	3,069	3,069	3,071	3,071	3,084				
TOTAL	172,252	173,555	169,514	129,952	129,952	119,737	119,737	116,053				

Board staff has been unable to verify the data entered in columns A, B and C to those numbers reported in Hearst's previous Cost of Service draft Rate Order (EB-2009-0266).

- (A) If Hearst believes the above figures entered are correct, please confirm, and provide evidence for the above figures.
- (B) If the answer to (A) is no, please confirm, and Board staff will make the necessary adjustments to both workforms based on the numbers in Hearst's last cost of service rate order.

Ref: A portion of the Tax-Savings Workform, Tab 5

#### **Summary - Sharing of Tax Change Forecast Amounts**

For the 2010 year, enter any Tax Credits from the Cost of Service Tax Calculation (Positive #)			
1. Tax Related Amounts Forecast from Capital Tax Rate Changes	:	2010	2012
Taxable Capital	\$	-	\$ -
Deduction from taxable capital up to \$15,000,000	\$	-	\$ -
Net Taxable Capital	\$	-	\$ -
Rate		0.150%	0.000%
Ontario Capital Tax (Deductible, not grossed-up)	\$	-	\$ -

Board staff notes that the first portion of tab 5 of the workform has not been completed with the numbers reported in Hearst's previous cost of service RRWF (EB-2009-0266).

- (A) Please confirm that:
  - i) Tax credits amounts should be (\$7,041); and
  - ii) Taxable Capital should be \$1,992,810, and Board staff will make the necessary adjustments to the workform.
- (B) If Hearst, disagrees with either (A) i) or ii), please provide an updated taxsavings workform with the figures Hearst believes are correct, and provide evidence supporting these figures.

# Interrogatory #3

Ref: Tax-Savings Workform, Tab 6

Rate Class	Total Revenue \$ by Rate Class A	Total Revenue % by Rate Class B = A / \$H	Total Z-Factor Tax Change\$ by Rate Class C = \$I * B	Billed kWh D	Billed kW E	Distribution Volumetric Rate kWh Rate Rider F = C / D	Distribution Volumetric Rate kW Rate Rider G = C / E
Residential	\$660,546.8472	57.56%	-\$118	26,267,362	0	\$0.0000	
General Service Less Than 50 kW	\$173,371	15.11%	-\$31	12,405,535	0	\$0.0000	
General Service 50 to 1,499 kW	\$178,696	15.57%	-\$32	0	53,176		-\$0.0006
Intermediate With Self Generation	\$68,101	5.93%	-\$12	0	59,721		-\$0.0002
Sentinel Lighting	\$1,062	0.09%	\$0	0	72		-\$0.0026
Street Lighting	\$65,795	5.73%	-\$12	0	3,084		-\$0.0038
	\$1,147,571	100.00%	-\$206				

# Ref: Chapter 3 of the Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications, dated June 22, 2011, Page 17

The IRM Filing Requirements stated the following: "A shared tax saving workform will include a schedule for a distributor to complete, which will calculate a volumetric rate rider. Occasionally, the calculated rate adders or rate riders for one or more rate classes may be negligible. In the event that the calculation of one or more rate classes' rate rider results in energy-based kWh rate riders of \$(0.0000) when rounded to the fourth decimal place and demand-based kW rate riders of \$(0.00) when rounded to the second decimal place, or is negligible, the distributor may apply to record the amount to be recovered or refunded in USoA 1595 disposition in a future rate setting."

(A) Please confirm that Hearst wishes to record the amounts above in USoA 1595 to be addressed in a future rate proceeding.

### **RTSR Workform**

#### Interrogatory #4

Ref: A portion of the RTSR Workform, Tab 6

HYDRO ONE		Network			Line (	Connectio	on	Transform	ation Co	nnec	tion	То	tal Line
Month	Units Billed	Rate	A	Amount	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Units Billed	Rate	A	mount	A	mount
January	9,712	\$2.24	\$	21,755	10,037	\$0.00		10,037	\$1.99	\$	19,974	\$	19,974
February	9,042	\$2.24	\$	20,254	9,042	\$0.00		9,042	\$1.99	\$	17,994	\$	17,994
March	8,303	\$2.24	\$	18,599	8,303	\$0.00		8,303	\$1.99	\$	16,523	\$	16,523
April	8,894	\$2.28	\$	20,254	8,894	\$0.00		8,894	\$2.00	\$	17,820	\$	17,820
May	8,582	\$2.65	\$	22,742	8,582	\$0.00		8,582	\$2.14	\$	18,365	\$	18,365
June	7,989	\$2.65	\$	21,171	7,989	\$0.00		7,989	\$2.14	\$	17,096	\$	17,096
July	8,033	\$2.65	\$	21,287	8,033	\$0.00		8,033	\$2.14	\$	17,191	\$	17,191
August	8,493	\$2.65	\$	22,506	8,493	\$0.00		8,493	\$2.14	\$	18,175	\$	18,175
September	7,614	\$2.65	\$	20,167	7,614	\$0.00		7,614	\$2.14	\$	16,294	\$	16,294
October	8,780	\$2.65	\$	23,267	8,803	\$0.00		8,803	\$2.14	\$	18,838	\$	18,838
November	10,526	\$2.65	\$	27,894	10,526	\$0.00		10,526	\$2.14	\$	22,526	\$	22,526
December	11,955	\$2.65	\$	31,681	11,955	\$0.00		11,955	\$2.14	\$	25,584	\$	25,584
Total	107,923	\$ 2.5	2 \$	271,577	108,271	\$ -	\$ -	108,271	\$ 2.09	\$	226,380	\$	226,380

Board staff notes that a rate and amount for the "Line Connection" section has not been entered.

(A) Please provide the unit rate and the respective amounts for each month billed to Hearst by Hydro One and Board staff will update the model accordingly.

#### Revenue-to-Cost Ratio Model

Interrogatory #5

Ref: Revenue-to-Cost Ratio Model, Tab 7

Rate Class	Informational Filing Revenue Offsets A	Percentage Split C= A / B	Allocated Revenue Offsets E = D * C
Residential	45,166	65.55%	45,166
General Service Less Than 50 kW	13,725	19.92%	13,725
General Service 50 to 1,499 kW	6,295	9.14%	6,295
Intermediate With Self Generation	1,773	2.57%	1,773
Sentinel Lighting	36	0.05%	36
Street Lighting	1,911	2.77%	1,911
	68,906	100.00%	68,906

Ref: EB-2009-0266, Draft Rate Order, Appendix K

# F3 Cost Allocation Enter selected amounts from sheets 'O1' and 'O2' of Cost Allocation

	REVENUE ALLOCATION (sheet O1)						
Customer Class Name	Service Revenue	%	Miscellaneous				
	Requirement	76	Revenue (mi)				
Residential	751,648	61.15%	45,184				
GS<50kW	196,268	15.97%	13,684				
GS>50kW	80,706	6.57%	6,292				
Intermediate Users	60,688	4.94%	1,761				
Sentinel Lights	1,602	0.13%	36				
Street Lights	138,352	11.25%	1,950				
TOTAL (from Column C of sheet O1)	1,229,264	100.00%	68,907				
	OK	OK	OK				

Board staff notes that column A on tab 7 of the Revenue-to-Cost Ratio Model (i.e. Informational Filing Revenue Offsets) does not match Hearst's previous cost of service draft Rate Order (EB-2009-0266), as seen in the table directly above.

- (A) If Hearst agrees that the figures entered for column A should match appendix K of Hearst's previous cost of service draft Rate Order, please confirm, and Board staff will make the necessary adjustments.
- (B) If the answer to (A) is no, please confirm, and provide justification for the numbers entered by Hearst.

# Rate Generator

Interrogatory #6

Ref: A portion of the Rate Generator Model, Tab 4

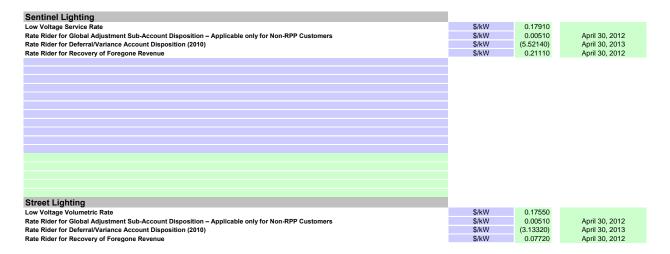
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs

Sentinel Lighting	
Service Charge	
Rate Rider for Foregone Revenue Recovery	
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs	
Street Lighting	
Service Charge	
Rate Rider for Foregone Revenue Recovery	

- (A) Please confirm that the "Service Charge" line item for the Sentinel Lighting and Street Lighting rate classes should be charged "per connection", as currently seen in Hearst's current tariff of rates and charges. If confirmed, Board staff will make the necessary adjustments to the model.
- (B) If the answer to (A) is no, please explain this discrepancy.

Ref: A portion of the Rate Generator Model, Tab 6

Ref: Current Tariff of Rates and Charges, Effective May 1, 2011



- (A) Please confirm that the "Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2012 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers" line item for both the Sentinel and Street Lighting rate classes should be billed on a \$/kWh basis as opposed to the \$/kW Hearst has entered, and Board staff will make the necessary adjustments to the model.
- (B) If the answer to (A) is no, please provide an explanation for this apparent discrepancy (i.e. the billing units as seen on Hearst's current Tariff of Rates and Charges compared to the billing units entered by Hearst in the 2012 Rate Generator Model).

#### Interrogatory #8

Ref: A portion of the Rate Generator Model, Tab 8

Ref: Current Tariff of Rates and Charges, Effective May 1, 2011

Residential		
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.00440
0		
General Service Less Than 50 kW		
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.00400

- (A) Please confirm that the "Retail Transmission Rate Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate" line item for both the Residential and General Service Less Than 50 kW should be billed on a \$/kWh basis as opposed to the \$/kW Hearst has entered, and Board staff will make the necessary adjustments to the model.
- (B) If the answer to (A) is no, please provide an explanation for this apparent discrepancy.

**Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 9** 

Board staff notes that for Account 1550, there is no figure entered into tab 9 of the continuity schedule for Hearst's total claim and also for its 2.1.7 RRR filing for that account. Board staff notes that according to 2.1.7 of the RRR filings, an amount of \$70,465 has been reported by Hearst.

- (A) If Hearst believes that tab 9 of the continuity schedule is correct with respect to account 1550, please explain why.
- (B) If applicable, please confirm Hearst's total claim for Account 1550 LV Variance Account.
- (C) If applicable, please confirm that Hearst's RRR filing for the LV Variance Account amount is \$70,465.
- (D) If Hearst agrees with Board staff that changes need to be made, please confirm the correct figures, and Board staff will update the model with the necessary adjustments for Account 1550. If the correct figures are different from \$70,465 for either the disposed amount or the RRR filing, please provide a reconciliation explaining any differences.

# Interrogatory #10

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 9

Board staff notes that for Account 1588 – RSVA – Power (Global Adjustment Sub-Account), the December 31, 2010 ending balance of \$146,288 has been entered into the variance column as opposed to the 2.1.7 RRR column.

- (A) If Hearst agrees that this figure should have been entered into the 2.1.7 RRR column, please confirm, and Board staff will make the necessary adjustments to the model.
- (B) If the answer to (A) is no, please confirm, and provide an explanation for this discrepancy and the resulting variance for account 1588 (Global Adjustment Sub-Account).

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 12

Board staff notes that Hearst has requested a 4 year disposition period in the repayment of its Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account balances (including Account 1521 – SPC Variance Account and Account 1562 – PILS, however excluding Account 1588 – GA Sub-Account, which Hearst has requested a one year disposition period applicable to all non-RPP customers).

(A) Please provide alternative calculations of rate riders and bill impacts representing a disposition period of 1 and 2 years for all accounts (excluding Account 1588 – GA Sub-Account).

# Interrogatory #12

Ref: A portion of the Rate Generator Model, Tab 10

Rate Class	Unit	Metered kWh	Metered kW	Billed kWh for Non-RPP Customers	Estimated kW for Non-RPP Customers	Distribution Revenue <sup>1</sup>	1590 Recovery Share Proportion*
Residential	\$/kWh	25,225,707		1,577,596	-	660,547	34%
General Service Less Than 50 kW	\$/kWh	11,529,904		1,116,135	-	173,371	16%
General Service 50 to 1,499 kW	\$/kW	17,814,537	49,410	16,326,499	45,283	178,696	24%
Intermediate With Self Generation	\$/kW	18,248,907	59,337	18,248,907	59,337	68,101	25%
Sentinel Lighting	\$/kW	20,027	57	-	-	1,062	0%
Street Lighting	\$/kW	1,008,852	3,092	1,088,852	3,337	65,795	1%
Total		73,847,934	111,896	38,357,989	107,957	1,147,571	100%

Board staff cannot verify the figures entered for the column "Distribution Revenue" for each rate class to Hearst's previous Cost of Service draft Rate Order (EB-2009-0266).

- (A) Please provide evidence for the figures entered above.
- (B) If the above figures are incorrect, please provide the correct figures which reconcile with Hearst's previous cost of service proceeding, and Board staff will make the necessary adjustments to the model.

#### Interrogatory #13

Ref: EB-2011-0171 Application, Exhibit 1, Tab 3, Schedule 4

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 9

At the above reference, Hearst claims its total value for disposition of its Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances including Account 1521 and Account 1562 is a credit balance of \$698,554.

Board staff notes that at tab 9 of the Rate Generator, the Group 1 total, including Account 1521 and Account 1562, amounts to a credit balance of \$623,512.

(A) Please confirm which amount Hearst is proposing for disposition.

(B) If the total amount being requested for disposition is the former (i.e. \$698,554), please review, adjust and re-file tab 9 of the Rate Generator to ensure the correct figures have been entered for disposition.

Interrogatory #14

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 19

Ref: Proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges, effective May 1, 2012

Board staff notes that the line item "Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles \$/pole/year" as found on Hearst's current Tariff of Rates and Charges and on Tab 19 of the Rate Generator model, does not appear on Hearst's proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges, effective May 1, 2012.

- (A) Please confirm that Hearst wishes to keep this line item on its tariff sheet and Board staff will update Hearst's proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges.
- (B) If the answer to (A) is no, please provide an explanation for the discontinuation of this charge.

# Account 1521 - Special Purpose Charge ("SPC")

Interrogatory #15

Ref: EB-2011-0171, Manager's Summary, Exhibit 1, Tab 3, Schedule 2

- (A) Please confirm what amount Hearst paid in regards to the SPC Assessment and provide a copy of the original invoice.
- (B) Please confirm Hearst's beginning and ending billing dates to customers for the SPC Assessment.
- (C) Please complete the following table related to the SPC.

SPC Assessment (Principal balance)	Amount recovered from customers in 2010	Carrying Charges for 2010	December 31, 2010 Year End Principal Balance	December 31, 2010 Year End Carrying Charges Balance	Amount recovered from customers in 2011	Carrying Charges for 2011	Forecasted December 31, 2011 Year End Principal Balance	Forecasted December 31, 2011 Year End Carrying Charges Balance	Forecasted Carrying Charges for 2012 (Jan.1 to Apr.30)	Total for Disposition (Principal & Interest)
								Dalance		

# Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism ("LRAM")

Interrogatory #16

Ref: Elenchus LRAM Report, September 28, 2011

Hearst has requested an LRAM recovery associated with 2006 to 2010 CDM programs for a total amount of \$33,962.36.

- (A) Please confirm that Hearst used final 2010 program evaluation results from the OPA to calculate its LRAM amount.
- (B) If Hearst did not use final 2010 program evaluation results from the OPA, please explain why and update the LRAM amount accordingly.
- (C) Please confirm that Hearst has not received any of the lost revenues requested in this application in the past. If Hearst has collected lost revenues related to programs applied for in this application, please discuss the appropriateness of this request.
- (D) Please identify the CDM savings that were included in Hearst's last Board approved load forecast for CDM programs deployed from 2006-2010 inclusive.
- (E) Please discuss if Hearst is applying for carrying charges on the LRAM amounts requested in this application.
- (F) If Hearst is requesting carrying charges, please provide a table that shows the monthly LRAM balances, the Board-approved carrying charge rate and the total carrying charges by month for the duration of this LRAM request to support your request for carrying charges. Use the table below as an example:

Year	Month	Monthly Lost Revenue	Closing Balance	Interest Rate	Interest \$

# Account 1562 – Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILS")

#### Interrogatory #17

The 2002 application rate adjustment model ("RAM") provided two sheets (sheet 6 and 8) that calculated the rate slivers associated with the 2001 and 2002 PILs proxy amounts approved by the Board for recovery from customers. These rate slivers had both fixed customer charge and volumetric charge elements. In order to correctly determine the amounts recovered from customers, the Applicant must multiply the rate slivers by the appropriate billing determinants. Hearst provided customer counts, connections, demand (kW) and energy (kWh) for 2002-2004 in its 2006 EDR application at tab 6-2.

(A) Please record the rate classes from the 2002 rate order and number of customers, kWh/kW billed and the associated fixed and variable rate

slivers from the 2002 RAM in the PILs recovered worksheets from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2004.

The 2004 RAM sheet 7 calculated the rate slivers associated with the 2004 PILs proxy amount approved by the Board for recovery from customers. The Board changed the rate recovery allocation to 100% based on the variable charge.

(B) Please record the rate classes from the 2004 rate order and number of customers, kWh/kW billed and the associated variable rate slivers from the 2004 RAM in the PILs recovered worksheets from April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

The 2005 RAM sheet 4 calculated the rate slivers associated with the 2005 PILs proxy amount approved by the Board for recovery from customers.

(C) Please record the rate classes from the 2005 rate order and number of customers, kWh/kW billed and the associated variable rate slivers from the 2005 RAM in the PILs recovered worksheets from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

#### Interrogatory #18

Ref: Deferral Account Variance Adjustments on SIMPIL models Ref: PILs continuity schedule, 2003 and 2004 SIMPIL models

Any deferral account variance adjustments and true-up variance adjustments calculated on the SIMPIL models should be recorded on the PILs continuity schedule in the year subsequent to the tax year since tax returns and the applicable SIMPIL model were not filed until the following summer. Entries related to the variances would not have been made in the general ledger until the following year.

The deferral account variance adjustment of - \$883 calculated on the 2003 SIMPIL model should appear as an adjustment in 2004 on the PILs continuity schedule.

The deferral account variance adjustment of - \$883 calculated on the 2004 SIMPIL model should appear as an adjustment in 2005 on the PILs continuity schedule.

(A) Please re-file the revised PILs continuity schedule with the correctly inputted deferral account variance adjustments for 2004 and 2005.

Interrogatory #19 Ref: Interest Expense

Ref: 2001 to 2005 SIMPIL models

When the actual interest expense, as reflected in the financial statements and tax returns, exceeds the maximum deemed interest amount approved by the Board, the excess amount is subject to a claw-back penalty and is shown in sheet TAXCALC as an extra deduction in the true-up calculations.

For the tax years 2001 to 2005:

- (A) Did Hearst have interest expense related to liabilities other than debt that is disclosed as interest expense in its financial statements?
- (B) Did Hearst net interest income against interest expense in deriving the amount it shows as interest expense in its financial statements and tax returns? If yes, please provide details to what the interest income relates.
- (C) Did Hearst include interest expense on customer security deposits in interest expense for purposes of the interest true-up calculation?
- (D) Did Hearst include interest income on customer security deposits in the disclosed amount of interest expense in its financial statements and tax returns?
- (E) Did Hearst include interest expense on IESO prudentials in interest expense?
- (F) Did Hearst include interest carrying charges on regulatory assets or liabilities in interest expense?
- (G)Did Hearst include the amortization of debt issue costs, debt discounts or debt premiums in interest expense? If the answer is yes, did Hearst also include the difference between the accounting and tax amortization amounts in the interest true-up calculations? Please explain.
- (H) Did Hearst deduct capitalized interest in deriving the interest expense disclosed in its financial statements? If the answer is yes, did Hearst add back the capitalized interest to the actual interest expense amount for purposes of the interest true-up calculations? Please explain.
- (I) Please provide Hearst's views on which types of interest income and interest expense should be included in the excess interest true-up calculations.
- (J) Please provide a table for the years 2001 to 2005 that shows all of the components of Hearst's interest expense and the amount associated with each type of interest.

# Ref: Treatment of Regulatory Assets and Liabilities in the Tax Returns

It appears from the evidence that Hearst retained regulatory assets and liabilities on the balance sheet and did not adjust the tax returns for the annual movements or changes in the balances of regulatory assets and liabilities.

(A) Is Hearst aware of why the Ministry of Finance allowed this tax treatment for Hearst?

#### Interrogatory #21

Ref: Tax Years - Statute-barred

(A) Please confirm that all tax years from 2001 to 2005 are now statutebarred.

#### Interrogatory #22

Ref: 1562 Balance Reported in RRR

**Ref: PILs Continuity Schedule** 

Hearst reported a debit balance in account 1562 of \$11,603 at the end of December 2010 in its RRR filing 2.1.7. The 2010 balance according to the PILs continuity schedule is a debit balance of \$2,027 consisting of principal of \$1,495 and interest of \$532.

(A) Please explain the reasons for the differences between the 2010 RRR balance and the evidence filed in this case.