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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)
Submission of VECC Interrogatories EB-2012-0094
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.

Please find enclosed the interrogatories of VECC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

(ORIGINAL SIGNED BY)

Michael Janigan
Counsel for VECC
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cc: Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.
Mr. Benoit Lamarche

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B), as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. (CHEI) for an order or orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable
distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2012 to reflect the
recovery of costs for deployed smart meters.

Information Requests of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

VECC Question # 1

Reference: Manager's Summary, Exhibit 1, Tab 1, Schedule 5, Page 2

Preamble: CHEI indicates its implementation of TOU rates was initially scheduled for July 2011 however the Board granted a six month extension to January 2012. CHEI was able to implement TOU rates in February 2012.

- a) Please discuss the need for the TOU implementation extension to January 2012.
- b) Please advise of the current status of TOU rates including the total percentage of customers billed on TOU.

VECC Question # 2

Reference: Smart Meter Installation, Exhibit 1, Tab 1, Schedule 6, page 2

Preamble: On Page 6, CHEI provides the program status in terms of the number of meters installed.

- a) Please provide a schedule that compares the smart meter financial forecasts in CHEI's previous applications to the current application and explain any variances.
- b) Please complete the following table to show average costs based on meter type.

Class	Type of Meter	Quantity	Meter Cost	Average Meter Cost	Installation Cost	Average Installation Cost	Total Average Cost
Residential							
GS<50 kW							

GS>50 kW							

VECC Question # 3

Reference 1: Smart Meter Model (V2_17)

Preamble: CHEI completed the Smart Meter Model provided by the OEB and used the data to arrive at the proposed Smart Meter Incremental Rate Rider and the proposed Smart Meter Disposition Rate Rider.

Reference 2: Board Guideline G-2011-0001, Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery – Final Disposition, dated December 15, 2011, Page 19

Preamble: The Guideline states, “The Board views that, where practical and where data is available, class specific SMDRs should be calculated on full cost causality.”

- a) Please provide the rationale for CHEI’s proposed cost allocation methodology.
- b) Please complete a separate smart meter revenue requirement model by rate class.
- c) Please re-calculate the SMDR & SMIRR rate riders based on cost causality by rate class.
- d) Please provide a breakdown of the total Smart Meter Rate Adder Revenue collected by customer class.