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VIA MAIL and E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)
Submission of VECC Interrogatories EB-2012-0266
Waterloo North Hydro 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,

Michael Janigan
Counsel for VECC
Encl.

cc: Waterloo North Hydro Inc.
Mr. Albert Singh

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

Waterloo North Hydro Inc. (Waterloo North Hydro) for an order or orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable
distribution rates to be effective November 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: Application, Page 8, Smart Meter Procurement, London Hydro RFP

Preamble: Waterloo North Hydro indicates it is authorized to procure and deploy smart meters pursuant to the London Hydro RFP process.

- a) Please summarize any operational efficiencies and cost savings that result from participating in the London RFP process.

VECC Question # 2

Reference: Application, Page 11, Status of Smart Meter Time of Use Implementation

Preamble: In Table 4, Waterloo North provides a summary of the smart meters installed by year.

- a) Please provide a schedule that compares the smart meter financial forecasts (capital & OM&A) in Waterloo North Hydro's previous applications to the current application and explain any variances greater than 5%.
- b) Please provide a summary of incremental internal labour costs incurred by the Applicant to deploy smart meters in terms of positions, contract type (permanent vs. temporary, part-time vs. full-time), length of employment and work activities.

VECC Question # 3

Reference: Application, Page 9, Smart Meter Project Overview of Services

Preamble: The evidence indicates that in 2008 Waterloo North Hydro contracted for the meter disposal of old meter assets.

a) Please confirm how this contract is reflected in this application.

VECC Question # 4

Reference: Application, Page 11, Status of Smart Meter and Time of Use Implementation

Preamble: The evidence indicates that “During contract negotiations, WNH decided on the purchasing option to own its AMI system and have it operated by the AMI vendor.”

a) Please discuss the options considered and provide the analysis of options including any cost benefit analyses that Waterloo North Hydro undertook to arrive at this decision.

VECC Question # 5

Reference: Application, Page 11, Status of Smart Meter and Time of Use Implementation

- a) Please summarize the types of meters installed for each rate class.
- b) Please complete the following table to show average costs based on individual meter types.

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

VECC Question # 6

Reference 1: Smart Meter Model (V2_17)

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 complete a separate smart meter revenue requirement model by rate class. (This should include any revisions to the model resulting from interrogatory responses)
- a) Please re-calculate the SMDR & SMIRR rate riders based on full cost causality by rate class.