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VIA MAIL and E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge St.
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)
Submission of VECC Interrogatories EB-2012-0272
Fort Frances Power Corporation

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

VECC acknowledges that these interrogatories are filed one day after the deadline and respectfully asks that the Board please accept this late filing.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Michael Janigan
Counsel for VECC

cc: Haldimand County Hydro Inc.
Lloyd Payne

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
Haldimand County Hydro Inc. (Haldimand) 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 36

Preamble: Haldimand indicates that Util-Assist monthly consulting costs continued for the NEPA group of LDCs including specific items such as legal fees related to the ODS vendor.

a) Please provide the legal costs and explain the nature of these fees.

VECC Question # 2

Reference: Application, Page 39

Preamble: Haldimand indicates that some of the more difficult installation were required to be completed during regular hours and by HCHI's own employees.

a) Please explain why HCHI's own employees undertook this work and why Rodan was unable to undertake this work.

VECC Question # 3

Reference: Application, Page 43, Costs Beyond Minimum Functionality

Preamble: Haldimand indicates it only incurred operational costs related to the deployment of smart meters for the residential and GS<50 kW customer rate classes.

- a) Please confirm why none of the \$48,374 operating costs beyond minimum functionality apply to the GS 50 to 4,999 kW customer class.

VECC Question # 4

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

Preamble: The Guidelines state, “The Board also expects that a distributor will provide evidence on any operational efficiencies and cost savings that result from smart meter implementation.”

- a) Please identify any other operational efficiencies and cost savings (beyond manual meter read savings) that Haldimand has experienced or anticipates will result from smart meter implementation.

VECC Question # 5

Reference: Smart Meter Model

- a) Please provide a summary of one-time costs in 2012.
- b) Please provide a comparison of audited smart meter costs to original budgeted costs and provide an analysis of any significant variances.