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October 1, 2012

BY EMAIL & COURIER

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge St, Suite 2701
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Board File No. EB-2012-0121

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation – 2012 Cost of Service Application Energy Probe – Technical Conference Interrogatories to Applicant

Pursuant to Procedural Order No. 2, issued by the Board on September 27, 2012, please find attached the Technical Conference Interrogatories of Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) in respect of Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation in the EB-2012-0121 proceeding.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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Ontario Energy Board

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Erie Thames
Powerlines Corporation for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to
be effective September 1, 2012.

**TECHNICAL CONFERENCE INTERROGATORIES OF
ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION
("ENERGY PROBE")**

October 1, 2012

**ERIE THAMES POWELINES CORPORATION
2012 RATES REBASING CASE
EB-2012-0121**

**ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION
TECHNICAL CONFERENCE INTERROGATORIES**

Interrogatory #40

Ref: Energy Probe Interrogatory #1

- a) Is the installation of smart meters complete?
- b) What is the Net Book Value of smart meters in account 1555 at the end of 2011?
- c) What is the impact on the revenue requirement if smart meters were added to rate base at the end of 2011 and stranded meters were removed from rate base at the end of 2011?

Interrogatory #41

Ref: Energy Probe Interrogatory #5a

The response indicates that there are no costs included in the application for any of Erie Thames Powerlines Board of Directors. Please confirm that the answer should be that there are no costs included in the application for any of Erie Thames Powerlines affiliate Board of Directors.

Interrogatory #42

Ref: Board Staff Interrogatory #1

Please explain the difference in the gross assets for 2011 and 2012 between the Excel spreadsheet ETPL Board Staff 1 (Rate Base tab) and the Excel spreadsheet ETPL Board Staff IR 1 Gross Assets ETPL.

Interrogatory #43

Ref: Energy Probe Interrogatory #22

- a) The response to part (a) refers to Board Staff #1, which does not provide actual 2011 data. Please provide actual 2011 data in the same level of detail as the original table.
- b) The response to part (b) is incomplete. Please provide a table that shows the most recent year to date figures for 2012 as shown in the original table, along with the corresponding figures for the same year-to-date period in 2011. Please also indicate the year-to-date period being used.
- c) Please explain why SSS admin fees, microfit revenues and interest income have not been included as other operating revenue.
- d) Is any of the interest in the figures provided in the response to part (c) associated with deferral and variance accounts? If yes, please provide the figures split between deferral and variance account interest and all other interest on both a historical and forecast basis.

Interrogatory #44

Ref: Energy Probe Interrogatory #24

- a) The response to part (b) refers to SEC IR #8. Please confirm that the table provided in that response includes actual data for 2011. If it does not, please update the table to include actual data for 2011.
- b) The response provided in VECC IR #39A does not answer the question posed in part (c). Please provide a complete response to the question asked.

Interrogatory #45

Ref: Energy Probe Interrogatory #30 & 31

- a) Please explain why the CCA deduction shown in the first reference is only \$1,218,452 for 2012 when the CCA deduction calculated in the second reference for 2012 is \$1,464,244.
- b) Does the CCA calculation for 2012 include any component for the vehicles transferred to ETPL from its affiliate in 2009? If not, why not?

Interrogatory #46

**Ref: Energy Probe Interrogatory #28 &
Board Staff Interrogatory #1**

The following table has been produced from Appendix 2M provided in the response to Energy Probe IR #28 and the Excel spreadsheet ETPL Board Staff IR Appendix B provided in the response to Board Staff IR #1.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	
Depreciation Expense	1,246,850	1,360,577	1,567,078	1,799,422	1,944,573	EP IR 28 App. 2M
Additions to Acc. Dep.	<u>1,185,279</u>	<u>1,299,760</u>	<u>1,507,785</u>	<u>1,798,962</u>	<u>2,026,550</u>	Board Staff IR 1 App. 2B
Difference	61,571	60,817	59,293	460	(81,977)	

- a) Please confirm the above figures are correct and represent the most recent information available. If this cannot be confirmed, please provide an updated table.
- b) Please explain why the depreciation expense in Appendix 2-M is different from the additions to accumulated depreciation found in the continuity schedules in Appendix 2-B.
- c) Please provide an example of the different calculations used to calculate the depreciation expense and the addition to accumulated depreciation using account 1835 in 2010 which resulted in a depreciation expense of \$393,738 and an addition to accumulated depreciation of \$366,490.

Interrogatory #47

Ref: Board Staff Interrogatory #5

- a) Has ETPL filed the updated RRWF that was requested? If not, please file the updated RRWF.
- b) Please provide a summary of the changes that were incorporated into the updated RRWF along with a reference to the interrogatory response/evidence that is the basis for the change for each change made.