**INTERROGATORIES**

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**TO**

**NORTH BAY HYDRO DISTRIBUTION LIMITED (NBHDL)**

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**MANGER’S SUMMARY**

**2) Smart Meter Funding Adder/Disposition (Page 2 of 6)**

Please provide an estimate of the amount of the “partial offset for the addition of the SMDR/SMIRR” anticipated by NBHDL.

By reference to “partial offset”, is NBHDL referring to a credit to ratepayers that would partially offset any increase in rates?

**6) Deferral and Variance Account Rider (Page 3 of 6)**

The statement *“The Threshold Test determined a credit rate of ($0.0001) per kWh which does not meet the threshold test of $0.001 per kWh established by the Board”* seems to be contradicted by the fact that NBHDL current rates include several rate riders which are below $0.001 /kWh and rates in effect that extend to four decimal places. Why the apparent discrepancy?

Where would I find the ruling where the Board established the threshold test amount?

Also, the current deferral and variance account disposition rider and global adjustment rider is described in this section as expiring on April 30, 2013. According to the tariff sheet submitted with this application the expiry date is April 30, 2014. Please explain?

**9) Tax Changes (page 5 of 6)**

Congratulations to NBHDL for correctly calculating the tax savings on the first try. It took three years but it looks like success at last.

The tax reduction resulting from a change in taxation rates for 2013 amounts $36,506. That amount produces a volumetric factor of (.0001) which appears to be a material amount. Please refer to the tax savings rate rider that was considered material in the 2012 and also the rate rider for LRAM recovery still in effect. Both of these items were .0001 riders. In my opinion these riders should be applied to the 2013 rates.

Please explain why these credits wouldn’t be handled in a similar manner to other riders of approximately the same size?