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**D. D. Rennick Submission
North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. (NBHDL)
2013 IRM3 Rate Application
EB-2012-0152**

This submission is to provide the Board with my comments following the filing of evidence by NBHDL in response to my interrogatories in this matter.

Manager's Summary – 2) Smart Meter Funding Adder/Disposition (Page 2 of 6)

My original request asked NBHDL to provide an estimate of the amount of the "partial offset for the addition of the SMDR/SMIRR" anticipated by NBHDL and to further explain NBHDL's "partial offset" reference.

I have a concern with NBHDL's position that my interrogatory was outside the scope of the application. I believe that any issue that affects rates is within the scope of an application brought by the applicant and that this is especially true when the applicant raises the subject in the application.

However, since Board staff has apparently decided that the Smart Meter Funding adder is not outside the scope of the application and has raised the issue in their submission, I will await NBHDL's reply to their concerns.

Manager's Summary – 6) Deferral and Variance Account Rider (Page 3 of 6)

The reply to my interrogatory regarding the Threshold Test calculations, the Threshold Test ruling and expiry date of the current deferral and variance account disposition riders and global adjustment riders was adequate.

Manager's Summary – 9) Tax Changes – (Page 5 of 6)

I have no comments on the applicant's response to my interrogatories regarding the tax savings issue.