IN THE MATTER of the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*, Schedule B to the *Energy Competition Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Midland Power Utility Corporation for an Order or Orders approving just and reasonable rates and other service charges for the distribution of electricity effective May 1, 2013.

TECHNICAL CONFERENCE QUESTIONS

FROM THE

SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION

- 1. [IR #6, SEC 23]. Please confirm that there is no formal strategic plan document. If there is such a document, please provide it.
- 2. [IR #11, SEC 5] With respect to this IR response:
 - a. (d) Please confirm that, adjusted for the stated anomalies, OM&A per customer in 2011 should be about \$294.00.
 - b. (f) Please reconcile your figure of 90% with the 2011 Yearbook figures of \$1,040,740 capital additions, and \$856,005 depreciation.
- 3. [IR #12, SEC 6] Please confirm that the Applicant has not prepared any estimates or forecasts of the reductions in operations and maintenance costs that will be experienced due to the substation replacement program.
- 4. [IR #26, SEC 12] Please confirm that the figures in this IR response no longer apply, as a result of the decision to defer the transition to IFRS.
- 5. [IR #27, Staff 8] Please confirm that the smart meter amortization is based on a 20 year life for the meters, and 10 year life for each of the computer hardware and computer software.
- 6. [IR #42, VECC 15(c), and IR #58, SEC 19] Please provide the regulatory authority for the deferral of the transition to IFRS to 2014, in light of the Board's letter of April 30, 2012 allowing deferral only until 2013. Please confirm that, because the Applicant did not capitalize overheads, and because the new depreciation rates are being implemented January 1, 2013, the

Applicant does not expect that the eventual conversion to IFRS will result in any material impact on revenue requirement or rates. If this is not confirmed, please describe all material impacts expected.

- 7. [IR #49, SEC 15] Please confirm that the Applicant participates in the MEARIE insurance program. Please advise whether membership in the EDA is a requirement to participate in that insurance program.
- 8. [IR #52, SEC 16] Please explain whether the reported information correctly shows the average FTEEs for each year for all positions. If it does not, please describe how what is reported differs from that standard.
- 9. [IR#57, SEC 18] Please confirm that, as a result of the decision to defer conversion to IFRS until 2014, the tables on pages 9 and 10 of Ex. 4/2/7 are no longer applicable. If this is not confirmed, please provide an explanation, and reconcile those tables with the answer to the IR.
- 10. [IR #60, SEC 20] Please confirm that, notwithstanding the decision to defer conversion to IFRS until 2014, the CGAAP deficiency provided will not be applicable because of the implementation in 2013 of updated useful lives.

Submitted by the School Energy Coalition November 17, 2012.

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