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VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: E.L.K Energy Inc.
2012 Distribution Rate Application (EB-2011-0099)
Questions for Technical Conference

Set out below are specific questions that the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) will be seeking a response to at the February 13th Technical Conference.

VECC continues to review the evidence and may at the Technical Conference (or before if possible) have further questions of clarification on all the issues responded to in the interrogatories.

Yours truly,

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**E.L.K ENERGY INC. (E.L.K.)
2012 RATE APPLICATION (EB-2011-0099)
VECC TECHNICAL CONFERENCE QUESTIONS**

NB: Numbering continues from last VECC interrogatory number

1.0 GENERAL (Exhibit 1)

1.0 – VECC TCQ -42

Reference: Energy Probe Interrogatory # 3

Is E.L.K. seeking retroactive rates to recover any of the 2012 deficiency?

3.0 LOAD FORECAST (Exhibit 3)

3.0 -VECC TCQ- 43

Reference: Board Staff Interrogatory #11

- a) What aspects of ELK's load forecast methodology does it consider to be comparable to the methodologies employed by Midland, Atikokan and Guelph?
- b) With respect to revised Table 3-12, please confirm that the basis for the 1.6 GWh CDM adjustment.

3.0 -VECC TCQ-44

Reference: Board Staff Interrogatory #12 b)

- a) Please confirm that the headings in the second and third columns of revised Table 3-17 should be "OPA 2006-2011 Final CDM Results"

3.0 OTHER REVENUE (Exhibit 3)

3.0 -VECC TCQ-45

**Reference: VECC #16 f)
Filing Requirement Appendix 2-C**

- a) Please confirm that Account 4080 is not one of the accounts used in Appendix 2-C to establish the Other Distribution Revenue offset.
- b) What are the 2012 revenues from MicroFIT service charges?

4.0 OM&A (Exhibit 4)

4.0 – VECC TCQ -46

Reference: VECC Interrogatory #18

Please clarify the correct bad debt expense in account 5335 for 2010 to 2012.

4.0 – VECC TCQ – 47

Reference: VECC Interrogatory #21

- a) How many residential meters required manually reads in 2012? How many GS < 50 meters required manual reads in 2012?
- b) What was the 2011 and 2012 third party contracted meter reading costs.
- c) In what year (month) did E.L.K. complete installation of all residential smart meters?

7.0 COST ALLOCATION (Exhibit 7)

7.0 -VECC TCQ-48

**Reference: Board Staff Interrogatory #11
Exhibit 7, Tab 1, Schedule 2, page 3 (Table 7-7)**

- a) Based on the revised load forecast set out in Board Staff #11, please update the inputs to the cost allocation model (e.g., I6.1, I6.2 and I8) and provide a revised cost allocation.
- b) Based on this revised cost allocation (i.e. starting point), please revise/update Table 7-7 as required.

8.0 RATE DESIGN (Exhibit 8)

8.0 -VECC TCQ-49

**Reference: Board Staff Interrogatory #11
Exhibit 8, Tab 1, Schedule 1, pages 2-5 (Tables 8-3 to 8-6 and 8-8)**

- a) Based on the revised load forecast set out in Board Staff #11, please update Tables 8-3 to 8-6 and Table 8-8.

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