EB-2012-0168

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 Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2013.

TECHNICAL CONFERENCE QUESTIONS OF ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION ("ENERGY PROBE")

February 13, 2013

TILLSONBURG HYDRO INC. 2013 RATES REBASING CASE EB-2012-0168

ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION TECHNICAL CONFERENCE QUESTIONS

EXHIBIT 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS

Energy Probe #33

Ref: 0.0-Staff-5

Please provide a corrected RRWF that includes the revised deficiency calculation after the adjustments made for interrogatory responses. The current response does not appear to include any return on capital or other distribution revenues in the Interrogatory Responses columns. Please also provide a live Excel spreadsheet that reflects the corrections.

Energy Probe #34

Ref: 0.0-Staff-5 & 0.0-Staff-7

The response to 0.0-Staff-5 indicates that THI has accepted changes to rate base based on actual 2012 capital expenditures and an updated cost of power. The response to 0.0-Staff-7 indicates that THI is not proposing any adjustments to the proposed service revenue requirement. Please reconcile these two statements.

<u>EXHIBIT 2 – RATE BASE</u>

Energy Probe #35

- Ref: 2.0 Energy Probe #12 & Exhibit 3, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1
 - a) Part (a) of the question was not fully answered. Please reconcile the volumes for 2013 shown in Attachment 2 of the response with the volumes shown in Table 3.1.1 in Exhibit 3, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Attachment 1. Please show where the resulting loss factor has been calculated in the original evidence that matches the figure used in this response.

b) Please show the derivation of the 2013 commodity price of \$0.07932 used in Attachment 2.

EXHIBIT 3 – OPERATING REVENUE

Energy Probe #36

- Ref: Energy Probe #14 & Exhibit 3, Tab 1, Schedule 2, Attachment A.
 - a) Please confirm that based on the customers shown in Attachment 1 that THI has already hit its forecast for 2013 residential customers in 2012 (6,042).
 - b) The actual number of GS > 1,500 customers for 2012 is shown as 3, compared to the forecast of 2. Please identify the additional customer in 2012 compared to forecast in relation to the customer identified in Exhibit 3, Tab 1, Schedule 2, Attachment A. Please also provide the current status of this customer at the current time and any changes to the 2013 forecast that should be made as a result of this customer.

Energy Probe #37

Ref: Energy Probe #15

Did the 2013 forecasts generated in the responses to part (e) use 18 or 19 peak days in February, 2013?

Energy Probe #38

Ref: Energy Probe #14 & VECC #12

Please reconcile the different number of customers for 2012 shown for the residential, GS < 50 and GS 50-499 classes.

Energy Probe #39

Ref: Energy Probe #19

Please explain the difference in the figures of \$80.71/MWh and \$0.08242/kWh shown in the response in Attachment 1 in the second last column of the table.

Energy Probe TCQs to Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.

Energy Probe #40

Ref: VECC #15

- a) Please explain why the RPP price is shown as the HOEP price used for non-RPP volumes in Attachment 1.
- b) Please explain why the percentages of RPP and non-RPP volumes are different in each of 2011, 2012 and 2013 as shown in Attachment 1.
- c) Please explain the difference between the weighted price shown in Attachment 1 of \$0.0812 for 2013 and the price of \$0.07932 used for 2013 in Attachment 3.
- d) Please explain the difference in the volumes used for 2013 in Attachment 1 compared to Attachments 2 and 3.

Energy Probe #41

- Ref: VECC #16 & Energy Probe #20
 - a) Please confirm that the response provided to VECC #16 includes interest revenue associated with regulatory asset accounts.
 - b) If verified in part (a) above, please provide the response to VECC #16 excluding any interest associated with regulatory accounts and provide a version of Appendix 2-F in Exhibit 3, Tab 3, Schedule 1, Attachment 1 that also excludes any interest associated with regulatory accounts.