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VIA MAIL and E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge St.
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)
Submission of VECC Interrogatories EB-2013-0019
Atikokan Hydro Inc.

Please find enclosed the interrogatories of VECC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Michael Janigan
Counsel for VECC
Encl.

cc: Atikokan Hydro Inc.
Mr. Wilf Thorburn

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B), as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Atikokan Hydro Inc. (Atikokan) for an order or orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable
distribution rates beginning July 1, 2013 to reflect the
recovery of costs for deployed smart meters.

Information Requests of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

VECC Question # 1

Reference: Manager's Summary, Page 4

- a) Please discuss Atikokan's view of the purpose of the Board's Audit Report and whether it provides final amounts to be recovered and/or it determines prudence of smart meter costs.

VECC Question # 2

Reference: Manager's Summary, Page 6

- a) Table 3: Please provide a breakdown of capital & OM&A costs per meter between costs for minimum functionality and costs beyond minimum functionality.
- b) Please discuss the capital and OM&A smart meter cost data that Atikokan has available by customer class.
- c) Table 3: Please further explain the column "Unallocated cost per month as per Board Regulatory Audit" and provide the calculation for the total costs per meter of \$3.62 and the SMIRR of \$2.73 under that column.

VECC Question # 3

- a) Please confirm Atikokan's existing smart meter rate riders by customer class and summarize the cost allocation methodology used to calculate the rate riders.

VECC Question # 4

Reference: Manager's Summary, Page 7, Weighted meter cost - Capital

- a) Please provide a breakdown of the types and average costs of meters installed by customer class.

VECC Question # 5

Reference: Manager's Summary, Page 8

Reference: Board Guideline G-2011-0001, Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery – Final Disposition, dated December 15, 2011, Page 19

Preamble: The Guideline states, "The Board views that, where practical and where data is available, class specific SMDRs should be calculated on full cost causality.

- a) Please summarize and provide the rationale for Atikokan's proposed cost allocation methodology in this application.
- b) Please complete a separate smart meter revenue requirement model by rate class based on full cost causality by rate class.
- c) Please re-calculate the SMDR & SMIRR rate riders based on full cost causality by rate class.
- d) If Atikokan is unable to provide separate smart meter revenue requirement models by rate class, please provide a detailed explanation.

VECC Question # 6

Reference: Manager's Summary, Page 9, Table 6

- a) Please provide the calculation of the bill impacts for the GS<50 kW and GS>50 kW customer classes.

VECC Question # 7

Reference: Atikokan's Smart Meter Recovery Model

- a) Please explain the negative entries at lines 1.1.2, 1.5.5, 1.5.6, 1.6.2.
- b) Please discuss the nature of the costs at line 1.6.2.
- c) Please provide a breakdown of other OM&A expenses by year at line 2.1.2.