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**VIA MAIL and E-MAIL**

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

**Re: Supplemental Interrogatories of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers  
Coalition (VECC)  
EB-2012-0137 – Hydro One Remote Communities inc. (Remotes)**

Please find enclosed the Supplemental Interrogatories of VECC with respect to the above-noted proceeding. As per Procedural Order No. 1 we have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant as well as their counsel.

Yours truly,

Michael Janigan  
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**HYDRO ONE REMOTE COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**2013 RATE APPLICATION (EB-2012-0137)**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL INTERROGATORIES**

**EXHIBIT A – ADMINISTRATION**

**A – VECC – 1**

**Reference: VECC #1**

- a) Please provide a table showing the revenue received by Remotes from Networks in respect of metering and in respect of lines services provided by Remotes for each year 2008-2011 inclusive.

**EXHIBIT A – ADMINISTRATION**

**A – VECC – 2**

**Reference: VECC #3 a)**

- a) With respect to the relatively poor reliability performance in 2012, does Remotes expect this to be a one-time problem or a chronic problem?
- b) With respect to the relatively poor reliability performance in 2012, please provide details with respect to the actions Remotes has taken to avoid similar results in future years.

**EXHIBIT C – COST OF SERVICE**

**C – VECC – 3**

**Reference: VECC #4 b)**

- a) The response to VECC #4 b) implies that the average cost per meter change was \$235 in 2011. Please provide any available data from years other than 2011 regarding the number of meter changes and the total cost.

## **EXHIBIT C – COST OF SERVICE**

### **C – VECC – 4**

**Reference: VECC #5 a) and b)**

- a) Please update the referenced response to include actual 2012 data if available.

## **EXHIBIT G – COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN**

### **G – VECC – 5**

**Reference: VECC #7**

- a) Please explain why Hydro One Remotes considers it appropriate to apply to its circumstance a rate adjustment formula that was established specifically for Algoma Power Inc.
- b) Using the average use values from G1/1/3, page 4, please provide a schedule that sets out the 2013 monthly bill for each Hydro One Remotes' non-Standard A Off Grid customer class and compares it with the monthly bill that a similar customer would receive for 2013 if served by Algoma Power Inc. (Note: The relevant case file for Algoma's 2013 approved rates is EB-2012-0104).

### **G – VECC – 6**

**Reference: VECC #10 c)**

**Energy Probe #11 a)**

- a) With respect to VECC #10 c), what is the earliest likely date that a grid connection to Pikangikum could be completed and what is Hydro One Remotes best estimate as to when such a connection will be completed?

**G – VECC – 7**

**Reference: VECC #12**

- a) Please confirm that the bills for Hydro One Networks' customers are based on the 2013 rates effective January 1, 2013 while the Remotes' bills are based on 2012 rates prior to the proposed May 1, 2013 rate adjustment.
- b) If part (a) is confirmed please re-do the response using – for Remotes – the proposed 2013 rates.

**G – VECC – 8**

**Reference: OEB Staff #2**

- a) Who will eventually “own and maintain” the new 44 kV line that is to be constructed to connect Pikangikum to the grid?

**G – VECC – 9**

**Reference: OEB Staff #31**

- a) As requested in the original interrogatory, please provide the calculation in an Excel Spread sheet.
- b) Applying the same methodology please provide the average 2011 total bill increase using only the following distributors:
  - Brant County Power
  - Horizon Utilities
  - Hydro One Brampton Networks
  - Hydro One Networks
  - Kenora Hydro
  - Kingston Hydro
  - Milton Hydro
  - Niagara Peninsula Energy
  - Norfolk Power

- Parry Sound Power
  - St. Thomas Energy
  - Toronto Hydro-Electric
  - Waterloo North Hydro
  - Woodstock Hydro
- c) Please confirm that in the case of Algoma's Residential customers, the rate adjustment based on the average distribution rate increase experienced by other distributors is applicable regardless of whether the overall rate application is based on cost of service or IRM (See Algoma's 2012 Application (EB-2011-0152), page 10).
- d) Does Hydro One Remotes plan to file its 2014 rate application on a cost of service or IRM basis?
- e) If it is to be filed on an IRM basis, will Hydro One Remotes be adopting the same price escalation formula as used in the current application?

## **G – VECC – 10**

### **Reference: OEB Staff #35**

- a) Please provide similar schedules for:
- a. Cat Lake's General Service Standard A customer class
  - b. Pikangikum's Standard A customer class.
- b) Please provide a breakdown of Cat Lake's Residential Year Round Non-Std. A class as to the number of customers that use less 500 kWh / month as compared to the number that use 500 kWh / month or more.
- c) How many customers are in Pikangikum's Residential Year Round class and how many are in its Residential Old Age class?
- d) Does Hydro One Remote's have any plans to mitigate the significant bill impacts that will be experienced by: i) the low volume customers in Cat Lake's Residential Year Round Non-Standard A class and ii) all of the customers in Pikangikum's Residential Old Age class?

- e) Please provide a schedule that sets out (for each of Cat Lake and Pikangikum) the revenues that would be received in 2013 from Non Standard A and Standard A customers based on existing rates.

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