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West Coast Huron Energy (WCHE) Inc.
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EXHIBIT 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE

1.0-AMPCO-59s

Reference: 1.0 AMPCO 3.0

- a) WCHE's response to part (c) indicates that WCHE does not track momentary outages as it is not mandatory. Please confirm WCHE experiences momentary outages and discuss how WCHE responds to these outages with respect to its large use customer.
- b) WCHE's response to part (h) shows that its 2010 indicators are significantly below its cohorts in all areas. In WCHE's view, what factors contribute to this difference?

1.0-AMPCO-60s

Reference: Appendix 1, 20130614, 2013 Revenue Offsets Column

- a) Please provide the Board Staff IR that adjusts Revenue Offsets i.e. that corresponds to Changes from Board Staff IR - "Reallocation of SSS admin out of base revenue requirement" equal to \$11,277.
- b) Please provide a summary of the categories & revenues that make up Revenue Offsets = \$104,600.

EXHIBIT 2 – RATE BASE

1.0-AMPCO-61s

Reference: 2.0 AMPCO 14.0

- a) Please confirm the number of poles to be replaced in 2013 and the cost.

2.0-AMPCO-62s

Reference: 2 Staff 4(a)

In response to part (a), WCHE indicates that as a result of the damage and indirect impact from the tornado, certain other capital projects have to be completed. For 2014, WCHE indicates works required at Transformers 275, 355, and 335 is not included until the scope is better defined.

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- a) Please confirm the above work is not included in the forecast capital budget of \$350,000 for 2014.

2.0-AMPCO-63s

Reference: 2 Staff 7

Please provide a breakdown of the projects in 2012 carried over to 2013.

2.0-AMPCO-64s

Reference: 2 Staff 13

The response indicates that the eleven microFit applications as mentioned in the OPA's report have all lapsed and the two FIT applications have not proceeded.

Please provide more details on why the eleven microFit applications have lapsed and the FIT applications have not proceeded.

4.0 OPERATING COSTS

4.0-AMPCO-65s

Reference: 4 Staff 30 (d)

The response shows that \$50,000 for the Harris Upgrade has been reallocated from 2012 to 2013. An additional upgrade to Harris in the amount of \$15,000 is shown in 2013. Please explain the difference between the two upgrades.

4.0-AMPCO-66s

Reference: 4 Staff 32

WCHE provides a summary of Outside Services for the years 2009 to 2013 Test Year. Please provide 2012 actuals.

4.0-AMPCO-67s

Reference: 4 Staff 33 (c)

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In the response to part (c), WCHE provides a breakdown of \$141,000 in Consulting Fees but the year is not clear. Please confirm the year and provide the necessary information to show a breakdown of consulting fees for 2012 actual and 2013 forecast, and confirm the amount spent to date.

EXHIBIT 5 - COST OF CAPITAL AND RATE OF RETURN

5.0-AMPCO-68s

Reference: 5 Staff 35 (a)

The response to part (a) indicates that at this stage the utility intends to negotiate an additional demand facility and expects to pay interest at a rate just in excess of prime.

Please provide an update on this proposal.