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**VIA MAIL and E-MAIL**

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
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Toronto, ON  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)  
Submission of VECC Interrogatories EB-2013-0143  
Hydro Ottawa Limited**

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Janigan', written in a cursive style.

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Counsel for VECC  
Encl.

Cc: Jane Scott  
Manager, Rates and Revenue

**EB-2013-0143**

**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  
Hydro Ottawa Limited for an order or orders  
approving or fixing just and reasonable  
distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2014.

**Information Requests of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

**VECC Question # 1**

**Reference:** Exhibit B1, Tab1, Schedule 1, Page 7

Preamble: Hydro Ottawa is requesting approval of a variance account for the derecognition of assets that would have been pooled under CGAAP. Hydro Ottawa states the majority of the assets are a result of moving from pooled to discrete assets.

- a) Please provide a breakdown and explanation of the asset types moving from pooled to discrete assets.

**VECC Question # 2**

**Reference:** Exhibit B1, Tab1, Schedule 1, Page 7, Table 2

Preamble: Hydro Ottawa provided a table showing actual (2011 & 2012) and budgeted (2013-2015) losses on derecognition of assets for Rex 1 meters and other previously pooled assets.

- a) Please explain how the figures in the table were derived and include the calculations.
- b) Please provide the number of Rex 1 meters to be replaced by year.
- c) Please provide a breakdown of the cost to replace the Rex 1 meters by year (capital & OM&A).
- d) Please confirm when the replacement of Rex 1 meters will be completed.
- e) Is Hydro Ottawa aware of any other Distributors with the same or similar issues with Rex 1 meters. Please explain.

### **VECC Question # 3**

**Reference:** Exhibit B1, Tab1, Schedule 1, Page 7

Preamble: Hydro Ottawa indicates that as a result of experience in 2011 and 2012, it is now in a better position to provide a forecast for 2013 until the next rebasing (2016).

- a) Please describe Hydro Ottawa's experience to support this statement and explain why Hydro Ottawa is now able to provide a forecast compared to its EB-2011-0054 application where it was unable to.
- b) Please discuss the availability of data now compared to the EB-2011-0054 application where Hydro Ottawa did not have the data to support an accurate forecast.<sup>1</sup>
- c) Please explain how Hydro Ottawa collects information on gains/losses on derecognition of assets.
- d) Please discuss the issue of probability of volatility with respect to the variance account.

### **VECC Question # 4**

**Reference:** EB-2011-0054 Decision Page 30

Preamble: The Board's Decision states "Hydro Ottawa stated that it is unable to forecast gains and losses on disposal of pooled assets as numerous system changes are required to gather the information.

- a) Please discuss any system changes that were/are required to gather the information.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2011-0054 Decision Page 30