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# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

FILE NO. EB-2014-0055

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Attention: Ms. K. Walli Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

### RE: Algoma Power Inc. Cost of Service Application Interrogatories of Algoma Power Coalition to Algoma Power Inc. Our File No. 12524-7

Please accept this document as Algoma Coalition's written interrogatories with respect to the above-noted hearing.

Pursuant to the Board's Rules and Regulations, two hard copies of the said Interrogatories will follow under separate cover by Purolator Courier.

#### Questions

#### **Embedded Distributor**

1. Please explain the effect that the Dubreuil Forest Products Ltd. embedded distributor has on other Algoma Power Inc. (hereinafter "Algoma Power") customers.

# **New Connections**

2. We understand Argonaut Gold Inc. will be a major new connection. Please explain whether there have been expenditures in anticipation of this new connection, and, if so, confirm the level of such expenditures.

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3. Please confirm and explain whether there is anything in the present rate application that accommodates new connections similar to Argonaut Gold Inc. to avoid such connections affecting other Algoma Power customers.

### **Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection**

- 4. With respect to the amount of rate protection available pursuant to Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (hereinafter "RRRP"), please explain the allotment Algoma Power receives and how this has changed over the last five (5) years.
- 5. Please explain how any increase in RRRP funding compares with Algoma Power's costs over each of the last five (5) years.

## Forecasting

6. We understand this rate application is forward looking. Please explain the forecasting methodology for the forward looking portion of this rate application.

### Street Lights

- 7. We understand that street lights are an asset in the General Service class. Please provide the number and location of all such street lights.
- 8. Please provide a breakdown of the number of street lights by municipality and/or other customers (ex. the Province).
- 9. Please provide the cost of operation and maintenance of street lights and explain how these compare with other general service class assets.
- 10. Please explain how the size of the street light asset base compares to the total asset base in the General Service class (i.e. the percentage of the total general service class asset base for which street lights account).
- 11. Please provide the annual consumption for street lights and explain how this compares to annual consumption of the remaining general service class assets.

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## Line Losses

- 12. Please provide Algoma Power's current line loss value.
- 13. Please explain how Algoma Power's line loss value has changed over each of the previous five (5) years.
- 14. Please provide the forecast line loss changes over each of the next two (2) years.
- 15. Please confirm and detail Algoma Power's plan to minimize the line loss during the next five (5) years.

#### **Smart Meters**

16.Please explain how the installation of smart meters has affected Algoma Power's rates.

We look forward to your responses.

Yours very truly, WISHART LAW FIRM LLP

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