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By Email and RESS

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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: Horizon Utilities Corporation Distribution Rates 2015-2019 (EB-2014-0002)
- SIA Technical Conference Questions

Dear Ms. Walli,

In accordance with Procedural Order 2, attached are the Technical Conference Questions of the Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (the "SIA"). The SIA expects that any additional issues for which it may seek clarification at the Technical Conference will be relatively limited.

Sincerely,

[original signed by]

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## EB-2014-0002

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act 1998*, Schedule B to the *Energy Competition Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Horizon Utilities Corporation for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2015, and for each following year through to December 31, 2019.

# Technical Conference Questions on behalf of the Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario

### **4-SIA-34TC**

In response to Interrogatory 4-SIA-31, Horizon confirmed that it "has not used the Service Revenue Requirement to calculate LEAP amounts" but used the "distribution revenue requirement" following guidance provided in section 2.7.3.6 of Chapter 2 of the Filing Requirements.

However, section 2.7.3.6 of the Filing Requirements states:

"The LEAP amount must be calculated based on total distribution revenues......For greater clarity, Board-approved total distribution revenue means a distributor's forecasted <u>service</u> <u>revenue requirement</u> as approved by the Board." (<u>emphasis added</u>)

Given this clarification in the Filing Requirements, please confirm whether it remains Horizon's position that the distribution revenue requirement should be used for the calculation of LEAP?

### 8-SIA-35TC

In response to Interrogatory 8-SIA-33 part b), Horizon listed a number of payment options that it accepts from its customers on an ongoing basis. However, the interrogatory asked specifically about payment options during the situation identified in sub part a), namely at the time of imminent disconnection, as outlined in section 4.2.5b of the Distribution System Code, which states that:

Where a distributor attends at a residential customer's property to execute a disconnection, whether during or after the distributor's regular business hours, the distributor shall ensure it has the facilities or staff available at that time to permit the customer to pay all amounts that are then overdue for payment by credit card issued by a

financial institution. <u>The distributor may, in its discretion, also accept other forms of payment at the time of disconnection.</u> (emphasis added)

For additional clarity, specifically in the situation noted above, does Horizon "in its discretion" accept any alternative forms of payment other than by credit card?