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BY E-MAIL

November 30, 2015

Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, Ste. 2701 Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Mr. John Pickernell, Applications Administration

Dear Mr. Pickernell:

Re: Motion for Review and Variance of Decision EB-2013-0416/EB-2014-0247 Board File Number EB-2015-0141 OEB Staff Interrogatories on Carriers' Evidence filed on November 20, 2015

Please find attached the Interrogatories from OEB staff for the evidence field by the Carriers on November 20, 3015.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Harold Thiessen OEB Staff Case Manager – EB-2015-0141

cc. All parties, EB-2015-0141

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Ref: Carriers (Piaskoski) Evidence, page 2

In the table on Page 2, Mr. Piaskoski shows pole maintenance costs of \$7.91 under the 'Carriers' column. Please provide the calculation that was used to derive this charge.

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Ref: Carriers (Piaskoski) Evidence, page 6

On page 6 of the evidence, at paragraph 15, Mr. Piaskoski includes a quote from the CRTC decision:

"The Commission considers that maintenance costs should exclude tree trimming. Rather, the power utilities should be permitted to levy a separate charge on cable companies to reflect tree trimming activities. The Commission considers that this matter is best left to be resolved by the parties in the first instance."₁₀

- a) Is Mr. Piakoski aware of any other jurisdictions that set pole attachment charges in the manner described, that is, without maintenance costs that include tree trimming? If so, please provide examples.
- b) Is Mr. Piakoski aware of any other jurisdictions that have then levied a separate charge on cable companies to reflect tree trimming activities? If so, please provide examples.

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Ref: Carriers (Piaskoski) Evidence, pages 10 – 16

Over these pages, Mr. Piaskoski argues that vegetation management costs will vary by pole location and must be recovered outside the pole access charge. Is Mr. Piaskoski, aware of any other jurisdictions where this methodology or a similar/related one is used to set pole attachment charges? If so, please provide examples.