

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

NATURAL GAS EXPANSION GENERIC PROCEEDING

INTERROGATORIES TO NOACC COALITION

From

INDUSTRIAL GAS USERS ASSOCIATION (IGUA)

1. **Reference:** NOACC Coalition Evidence, page 5, line 14.

NOACC Coalition's evidence refers to "*rational expansion of natural gas service*".

- (a) Please indicate what NOACC Coalition means by "*rational*" in this context.
- (b) Please juxtapose the explanation provided in response to part (a) of this interrogatory with what NOACC Coalition believes would be irrational expansion of natural gas service.

2. **Reference:** NOACC Coalition Evidence, page 6, point numbered 5.

NOACC Coalition advocates creation of a fund to support the cost of natural gas expansion to rural and remote communities, to be funded by all gas ratepayers in Ontario.

- (a) Does NOACC Coalition have a position on how much each gas ratepayer should be required to contribute to the recommended fund? If so, how was that position determined? If not, what considerations should apply to such a determination?
- (b) Would funding of such a fund through additional government allocations (i.e. in addition to the current \$30 million grant funding and \$200 million Natural Gas Access Loan Fund) as an alternative to gas ratepayer funding be acceptable to NOACC? If not, why not.

- (c) Should the proposed funding be limited to pipeline infrastructure or should other gas service expansion approaches (LNG, CNG, biogas, community district energy) be eligible for funding?

3. **Reference:** NOACC Coalition Evidence, page 6, lines 9 through 13.

The evidence refers to CRTC determinations regarding funding for Thunder Bay Telephone for “*single line rollouts*”.

Please provide specific references to those portions of the cited CRTC decisions (copies of which are included in Tabs 12 and 13 of NOACC Coalition's filed appendices) that NOACC Coalition asserts supports its position on subsidies for natural gas expansion.

4. **Reference:** NOACC Coalition Evidence, Tab 5a (*IESO North of Dryden Integrated Regional Resource Plan*, January 27, 2015).

Reference: NOACC Coalition Evidence, Tab 5b (*IESO Greenstone-Marathon Area Integrated Regional Resource Plan Interim Report for the Near-Term (2015-20)*, June 22, 2015).

Please explain the connection of the IESO documents included at the captioned references to NOACC Coalition's position on the issues raised in this proceeding. Please include citations to those portions of the documents which NOACC Coalition considers relevant to these considerations, and for each such citation explain the relevance.

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