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March 28, 2017

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Yonge St.  
Toronto, ON. M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**RE: EB-2016-0056 – Atikokan Hydro Inc. 2017 Rate Application  
OEB Staff Follow-up Questions**

Please find attached to this cover responses to OEB Staff Follow-up Questions.

An electronic copy of these follow-up responses have been submitted to the Board through the RESS system and two hard copies will be delivered to the OEB office.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact at (807)597-6600 or via email at [jen.wiens@athydro.com](mailto:jen.wiens@athydro.com).

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Ms. Jennifer Wiens  
CEO, Secretary/Treasurer

cc: Chris Codd, Ontario Energy Board      Mark Garner, VECC      Michael Janigan, VECC  
Ilan Richlier, Ontario Energy Board      Bill Harper, VECC

Atikokan Hydro Inc

OEB Staff Follow-up Responses

EB-2016-0056

Rates Effective: May 1, 2017

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**2-Staff-43**

**Additional pole replacements**

**Ref: Response to 2-Staff-9**

In response to 2-Staff-9, Atikokan Hydro stated that it is planning an additional \$100,000 in capital expenditures in the test year to replace sub-transmission line poles.

- a) How many additional poles is Atikokan Hydro planning to replace in 2017 with the \$100,000?
- b) Please provide all information related to estimating the \$100,000 cost.

**Response:**

- a) With the additional \$100,000; Atikokan Hydro plans to replace an additional 5 pole structures in 2017 and will require hiring a contractor.
- b) The estimation cost of \$100,000 was based on historical expenditures on these sub transmission lines including the 2016 actual costing on these lines. Atikokan recently had a contractor conduct a site visit and is waiting for an estimate on the work but anticipates the costing to be similar to 2016 expenditures. The 2016 invoice is included but respectively the contractor has been removed.

**INVOICE**

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Invoice No.: 6227  
 Date: 09/02/2016  
 Page: 1

**Sold to:**  
**Atikokan Hydro Inc.**  
 117 Gorrie S  
 P.O. Box 1480  
 Atikokan, Ontario P0T 1C0

**Ship to:**  
 PO-1056  
 Attn: Jen Wiens

Business No.: [REDACTED]

Item No.	Unit	Quantity	Description	Tax	Unit Price	Amount
			Work Completed as per above purchase order - Replacing two 2-pole structures, replacing two 3-pole structures plus an additional 2-pole structure	H		91,985.00
			Subtotal:			91,985.00
			H - HST 13% HST			11,958.05
			<i>Jennifer Wiens</i>		1830 0300	
			3m3 017 3m3 018 3m3 022 3m3 023 3m3 016			
<b>Comment:</b> DUE ON RECEIPT-2% Charge After 30 Days					<b>Total Amount</b>	103,943.05

## **2-Staff-44**

### **Cost comparison of new versus used derrick digger and service truck purchases Ref: Response to 2-Staff-20 and 2-Staff-21**

At the referenced IR responses, Atikokan Hydro did not provide an economic analysis comparing the purchase of a new truck to the purchase of a used truck.

- a) Did Atikokan Hydro obtain an estimate for the cost of a used derrick digger truck? If so, please provide that cost estimate.
- b) Did Atikokan Hydro obtain an estimate for the cost of a used service truck? If so, please provide that cost estimate.
- c) Did Atikokan Hydro estimate the additional operating costs of a used derrick digger truck as compared to a new derrick digger truck? If so, please provide that estimate.
- d) Did Atikokan Hydro estimate the additional operating costs of a used service truck as compared to a new derrick digger truck? If so, please provide that estimate.

### **Response:**

- a) Atikokan Hydro did not obtain an estimate for the cost of a used digger derrick truck.
- b) Atikokan Hydro did not obtain an estimate for the cost of a used service truck.
- c) Atikokan Hydro did not estimate the additional operating costs of a used digger derrick truck as compared to a new truck.
- d) Atikokan Hydro did not estimate the additional operating costs of a used service truck as compared to a new truck.