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VIA E-MAIL

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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2016-0110 Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.
Interrogatories of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

Please find attached clarification questions following the interrogatory responses of Welland Hydro. While the Board has not made provision for supplementary interrogatories, early responses to these questions will help VECC more efficiently develop its positions for the upcoming Settlement Conference. As we continue to analyse the interrogatory responses we may have further questions which, if necessary, will be raised at the time of the Conference.

Yours truly,

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INFORMATION REQUEST ROUND:	# 2 Pre-ADR Clarification
TO:	Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. (Welland)
DATE:	March 31, 2017
CASE NO:	EB-2016-0110
APPLICATION NAME	2017 COS Application

3-VECC 49

Reference: VECC 24 c)

- a) Please confirm that in the estimation of the revised Load Forecast model (which uses data up to 2016) the value of the CDM activity variable for 2016 does not reflect the actual results from CDM programs implemented in 2016 (but rather the planned results based on Welland's 2015-2020 CDM Plan).
- b) Please provide a revised Load Forecast model and forecast results based on the corrected data for the period 2002-2015.

3-VECC 50

Reference: VECC 25
Revised Load Forecast Model, CDM Activity Tab
Welland 2011-2014 CDM Results with Persistence

- a) It is noted that for 2015 CDM programs persisting savings in 2016 and 2017 are estimated using historic persistence rates (CDM Activity Tab, Cells AE16 and AF16). However, the IESO actually produces a report (titled – Final 2015 Annual Verified Results – Annual Persistence Report) that sets out the persisting effects of an LDC's 2015 CDM programs and which other distributors have filed in their 2017 COS proceedings (e.g. CNPI – EB-2016-0061). Please provide the comparable report for Welland.
- b) It is noted that persisting impact of 2014 CDM programs actually increases in 2017 (CDM Activity Tab, Cell AF15). It appears that this is attributable to one of the 2014 Industrial Energy Manager Initiatives. Please explain: i) what this initiative is; ii) why the savings are increasing in 2017; and iii) why these future

increases should be considered as verified results and not subject to the LRAMVA.

7-VECC 51

Reference: VECC 43 b)

- a) Why would the costs need to be recovered in variances if charged to Account #4820?
- b) Would the same problem arise if the costs were charged to Account #5014?

7-VECC 52

Reference: Staff 64 b) and VECC 45

- a) Please confirm that under Welland's proposal if a customer is delivered a disconnection notice and subsequently pays the amounts owing within the required timeframe by some other means (i.e., other than paying when the notice is delivered) then service will not be disconnected and the customer will not be assessed a Collection of Account charge.

7-VECC 53

Reference: VECC 44 c)

- a) The response states the \$1 covers the cost of postage and processing the cheque. Please respond to the initial question and confirm whether or not the \$1 also covers the variable cost of preparing the bill.

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