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BY E-MAIL

April 18, 2017

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. (Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution)
Application for 2017 electricity distribution rates
OEB Staff Interrogatories
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2015-0100**

Please find attached OEB staff's follow-up questions in preparation for the settlement conference in the above noted proceeding. Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution and all intervenors have been copied on this filing.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Donald Lau
Project Advisor – Rates Major Applications

Attach.

OEB Staff Interrogatories
2016 Electricity Distribution Rates Application
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. (Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution)
EB-2015-0100
April 18, 2017

2-Staff-43

Project Pacing

Ref: 2-Staff-10c

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution stated that the GIS system and desired level of spending supports the pacing of asset replacement. If the GIS system recommendation conflicts with the desired level of spending, how does Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution manage those conflicts?

2-Staff-44

Capital Expenditures

Ref: 2-Staff-14b

Since Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution has not forecasted any System Access amount, when a System Access project materializes does it take away from the work that could be done on System Renewal? If so, how does Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution keep up with projected System Renewal needs?

2-Staff-45

Station Summaries

Ref: 2-Staff-17

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution provided a station assessment for Prescott MS#3. The secondary structure for MS3 was recommended to be changed but it is not on the project list. Please explain the plans for Prescott MS#3. Are there plans to amalgamate MS2 and MS3 since they are so close together geographically?

2-Staff-46

Capital Projects

Ref: 2-VECC-11

Ref: 2-VECC-15

- a) Please explain why the capital contribution is greater than the forecasted project cost? Does Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution refund the excess capital contribution?
- b) Please explain why Campbell road extension was originally forecasted at \$41k but actual came in at \$92k

4-Staff-47

LRAMVA

Ref: 4-Staff-27d

In the Summary tab of the excel file "RSL_Live Excel LRAMVA_20170329", a LRAMVA threshold of 944,691 kWh is used, but 1,020,000 kWh was approved as part of the 2012 COS application. Please confirm whether the threshold is correct and provide rationale for using a lower threshold to determine the LRAMVA than what was approved in the Settlement Agreement.

5-Staff-48

Promissory Note

Ref: 5-Staff-28

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution stated the last negotiated change in the Promissory note was in 2012 from 4.99% to 4.41%.

- a) Has Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution tried to renegotiate the rate for the Promissory Note from 2012 till now? If not, why?