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October 23, 2020

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Christine Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th floor
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2020-0013 Elexicon Energy Inc. 2021 Electricity Distribution Rates
Interrogatories of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

Please find enclosed the interrogatories of VECC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Yours truly,

(Original Signed By)

John Lawford
Counsel for VECC

Copy to: Susan Reffle, Elexicon Energy Inc.

EB-2020-0013

Elexicon Energy Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other |
charges effective January 1, 2021**

**VECC Interrogatories
October 23, 2020**

VECC-1

Ref: EB-2019-0279 Decision and Order dated January 30, 2020, Page 7

The Decision and Order states, "In a letter to the OEB dated December 19, 2019, Veridian made a request for the 2020 RGCRP compensation amount of \$217,996 (\$18,166 per month) from the IESO for two of the three renewable investments that were approved in the 2014 CoS decision and order.

Please provide a copy of Veridian's letter to the OEB dated December 19, 2019.

VECC-2

Ref: EB-2019-0279 Decision and Order dated January 30, 2020, Page 7

The OEB expects Veridan to provide evidence supporting the actual amounts for these two projects in its 2021 rate proceeding (due to be filed in fall 2020) so that the OEB may be in a position to finalize these amounts. Veridian should also be providing evidence supporting the remaining enabling project should it be scheduled to go into service in 2021.

- a) Please provide an explanation of the cost and schedule variance in the Micro-grid Project (Renewable Enabling Improvement), forecast compared to actuals.
- b) Please provide an explanation of the cost and schedule variance in the Index Energy (Renewable Expansion Project), forecast compared to actuals.

VECC-3

Ref: Appendix I, Page 2; Addendum to Appendix I, Page 1

Elexicon indicates the new communications platform was to be purchased and installed over a four-year period from 2015 to 2018 with a total capital investment forecasted at \$911,000. Annual operating and maintenance costs were forecast at \$135,000. This project is now scheduled for implementation from 2022-2025 and in service by 2025. The capital cost will remain the same at \$115K per year over the four year timeframe.

- a) Please discuss when the new communications platform will be purchased and if there are any costs in 2021.

- b) Please provide a description of the scope of the project and forecast capital and operating costs compared to the original project scope and forecast costs in 2014.

VECC-4

Further to the Application and supporting files submitted on August 20, 2020, Elexicon Energy Inc. filed supplemental evidence on October 14, 2020.

Please summarize the impact of Elexicon's supplemental evidence with respect to Elexicon's original request on August 20, 2020 for Final Approval of the amounts to be recovered from the IESO which were approved on an interim basis in EB-2019-0279.