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VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Christine Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2020-0249 – PUC Distribution Inc. ICM Application
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) Letter on Next Steps**

PUC Distribution Inc. filed interrogatories in the above proceeding on January 26, 2021. VECC is in the process of reviewing the interrogatory responses.

VECC has reviewed the letter of today's date filed by the School Energy Coalition (SEC) indicating there are still quite a number of unanswered questions to be explored. VECC agrees with SEC that given the substance of the proposed Smart Grid project, it would be beneficial if subsequent procedural steps allowed for outstanding questions to be answered, potentially avoiding an oral hearing on the matter.

Yours truly,

(Original Signed By)

John Lawford
Counsel for VECC

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