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Ms. Christine E. Long, Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street  
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Dear Ms. Long:

**EB-2021-0134 - Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc. - Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.  
Interrogatories to Applicant**

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As directed in the Ontario Energy Board's ("OEB") Procedural Order No. 1 issued June 24, 2021, Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. ("HORCI") is filing the enclosed Interrogatories for Wataynikaneyap Power GP Inc.

An electronic copy of the interrogatories has been submitted using the Board's Regulatory Electronic Submission System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanne Richardson".

Joanne Richardson



1 **Reference:**

2 Exhibit B/Tab 1/Schedule 4 – Project Organization & Execution

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4 **Interrogatory 3:**

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6 a) Have there been any notable changes to the operations and maintenance  
7 resources, organizational structure, plan or strategy since the filing of the  
8 Application?

9 b) What key tasks are currently being done to ensure sufficient operations and  
10 maintenance capacity for both new and existing communities?

11 c) Please provide an update on the Interim O&M strategy? Specifically, the control  
12 room and field/trouble services.

13 d) Have any agreements been formalized with suppliers, contractors, partners to  
14 ensure reliable operations going forward?

15 e) Have transportation contracts (i.e. planes/helicopters) been formalized?

16 f) What is the shelf-life of the Interim O&M strategy? How long is it expected to be  
17 an interim strategy?

18 g) What does the desired post-Interim O&M strategy look like?

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20 **Reference:**

21 Exhibit E/Tab 1/Schedule 1 – Load & Revenue Forecast

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23 **Interrogatory 4:**

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25 a) Why did WPLP use load and revenue data from a 2018 back-up report instead of  
26 receiving more current information from community partners?

27 b) Has any work been done to confirm or verify the peak loads in the communities  
28 (IPA's) not currently served by Hydro One Remotes?

29 c) Why did WPLP use data from Sioux Lookout Hydro instead of Hydro One  
30 Remotes for its monthly trending?

1 **Reference:**

2 Exhibit F/Tab 3/Schedule 1- Program Delivery Costs with Variance Analysis - Table 2:  
3 Employee Compensation Breakdown

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5 **Interrogatory 5:**

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- 7 a) Please provide an update on the current staffing numbers?  
8 b) Please provide a description of the roles added in 2021?  
9 c) What other types of roles are expected to be added in the latter part of 2021 and  
10 2022?  
11 d) As a ratio, the management to non-management structure is different than that  
12 seen in other more traditional utilities. Please provide an explanation of why this  
13 structure is necessary and efficient?

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15 **Reference:**

16 Exhibit I/Tab 3/Schedule 2 -Monthly Fixed Charge to Hydro One Remotes

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18 **Interrogatory 6:**

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- 20 a) Does WPLP expect to file an application with the OEB in 2022 to establish the  
21 2023 monthly fixed charge to HORCI? If not, how will this amount be  
22 determined?  
23 b) Based on current project costs, timing, etc. what is a reasonable estimate on the  
24 total monthly charge to HORCI beginning in 2023?