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October 26, 2021

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-2021-0015 Elexicon Energy Inc. 2022 ICM
Interrogatories of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

Please find enclosed the Interrogatories of VECC. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Yours truly,

John Lawford

Counsel for VECC

Copy to: Steve Zebrowski Manager, Regulatory Policy

EB-2021-0015

Elexicon Energy Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates effective
January 1, 2022**

VECC Interrogatories October 26, 2021

VECC-1

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Elexicon indicates the results of online (262 customers) and phone (600) surveys indicate that majority of customers (71%, or 613 of the 862 customers surveyed respectively) find the proposed investment in the Transformer Station (Seaton TS – preferred alternative 1) very appropriate or somewhat appropriate. Additionally, the results of the online and phone surveys indicate that majority of customers (78%, or 668 of the 862 customers surveyed respectively) when asked if they had any thoughts specific to the project answered “unsure/ none”, indicating the general approval and lack of concerns.

Please provide the survey questions, responses and the summary report of the survey.

VECC-2

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Elexicon indicates 63% of Elexicon customers (544 of the 862 surveyed) considers the proposed Underground System Relocation in Pickering to Enable Regional Bus Rapid Transit to be appropriate. 77% of surveyed customers when asked if they had any thoughts specific to the project answered “unsure/ none”, indicating the general approval and lack of concerns.

Please provide the survey questions, responses and summary report of the survey.

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- a) Please calculate the Threshold Capital Expenditure for 2022 (VRZ) and Maximum Eligible Incremental Capital (VRZ) if the spending for the Seaton TS is removed from 2022 and the forecast capital in the DSP (VRZ) is smoothed over the 5 year period 2022 to 2026 such that the forecast spend in 2022 (VRZ) is the average of the 5 years.
- b) Please provide the bill impacts.

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Elexicon indicates that in the merger application (EB-2018-0236), Veridian and Whitby Hydro identified that there were potential ICM requirements during the 10-year deferral period, and specifically mentioned the Seaton Transformer Station as one such potential project.

Please provide the reference.

VECC-5

While Elexicon originally anticipated that its new Belleville operations centre might also be included in this ICM application, Elexicon recognizes that a certain degree of project expenditure over and above the defined threshold calculation is expected to be absorbed within Elexicon's total capital budget.

What is the status of the Belleville operations centre? Does Elexicon expect to absorb this project within its total capital budget. If yes, what year?