



Niagara On-The-Lake HYDRO

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Ontario Energy Board
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Attn: Nancy Marconi, Registrar

Re: EB-2022-0137

**Interrogatories on Independent Electricity System Operator / Smart Meter Entity (SME)
2023-2027 Rate Application**

Dear Ms. Marconi:

The following is the interrogatory by NOTL Hydro:

1. The use of the MDM/R is a requirement under regulation. Nonetheless, understanding how customers use or would use a service offering in the absence of the regulatory requirements is a sound business practice. Many Local Distribution Companies (LDCs) have discussed with NOTL Hydro that they would not use the MDM/R if it was not a regulatory requirement.
 - a. Has the SME polled or otherwise discussed with their LDC customers whether they would use the MDM/R services if they were not required to under regulations?
 - b. If not, why not?
 - c. If yes, what were the results?
 - d. Have any LDCs communicated to the SME that they believe they can perform the same function than the MDM/R at a lower cost and asked to be exempt?
 - e. Is exemption from using the MDM/R, including the elimination of the SME charge, an option if an LDC can demonstrate they can perform the same function at a lower cost?

Yours truly,

Tim Curtis
President