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June 8, 2022

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
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Dear Ms. Marconi,

**RE: EB-2022-0137 IESO / Smart Metering Entity 2023 to 2027 Meter Charge  
Energy Probe Interrogatories**

Attached are the interrogatories of Energy Probe to the applicant in the EB-2022-0137 IESO / Smart Metering Entity 2023 to 2027 Meter Charge proceeding.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Energy Probe.

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**Independent Electricity System Operator  
2023 to 2027 Smart Metering Charge Application**

**Energy Probe Interrogatories**

**June 8, 2022**

**1.Energy Probe.1**

**Reference:** Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Page 1, Table 1

- a) Please add these columns to Table 1: 2021 Approved, 2021 Actual, 2022 Approved, and 2022 Forecast.
- b) Why are Compensation and Benefits listed separately from Operating and Administration?
- c) What costs are included in Operating and Administration? Please provide a table showing components of Operating and Administration for each year from 2023 to 2027.
- d) Please explain why Operating and Administration Expenses decrease from \$20.6 million in 2024 to \$18.6 million in 2025 and then increase to \$20.7 million in 2027.
- e) What asset is being amortized under Amortization?
- f) Why is Amortization for 2023 shown as 0.0?

**1.Energy Probe.2**

**Reference:** Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, pages 2 and 3

**Preamble:** “The SME forecasts \$10.0 million of capital investments for the acquisition of new assets and upgrades to hardware and software solutions during the January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027, period; these assets will be amortized over the service life expected of each asset once they are placed into service in accordance with the IESO’s accounting policy.”

- a) Please add the following columns to the Capital Expenses table: 2021 Approved, 2021 Actual, 2022 Approved, and 2022 Forecast.
- b) Please provide a list of capital investments included in the \$10.0 million total showing the amount for each investment.

### **5.Energy Probe.3**

**Reference:** Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 1, page 3

**Preamble:** “Based on this growth, the SME estimates that there will be approximately 5.29 million meters in place by the beginning of 2023 and an average 5.37 million smart meters over the 5-year period between 2023 and 2027, the period during which the proposed new SMC is proposed to be in effect.”

Please file a table showing the number of meters for each year from 2021 to 2027 inclusive.

### **6.Energy Probe.4**

**Reference:** Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, page 4

Please add the following columns to the Full Time Equivalents table: 2021 Approved, 2021 Actual, 2022 Approved, and 2022 Forecast.

### **8.Energy Probe.5**

**Reference:** Exhibit B, Tab 3, Schedule 1, page 3

Do the amounts shown on the SME Operating Reserve Account table include interest? If the answer is yes, what is the interest rate and how is it calculated. If the answer is no, please explain why not.