

June 11, 2022

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Dear Ms Marconi:

EB-2022-0138 – IESO/SME Smart Meter Charge – 2023-2027

Please find, attached, interrogatories for the Smart Metering Entity from the Consumers Council of Canada pursuant to the above-referenced proceeding.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

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CC: All parties

INTERROGATORIES FROM THE CONSUMERS COUNCIL OF CANADA

FOR THE IESO/SME

RE: SMART METERING CHARGE – 2023-2027

EB-2022-0137

CCC-1

Re: Ex B/T1/p. 1

The proposed revenue requirement for the 2023 to 2027 period is \$137.5 million. The revenue requirement for the previous period was \$170.6 million.

- a) Please list all of the factors that have led to a reduction in the revenue requirement;
- b) What was the actual revenue requirement during the 2018-2022 period?
- c)

CCC-2

Re: Ex. B/T1/S1/p. 2

The SME is moving from a cash accounting method which has been in place since the OEB approved the initial Smart Metering Charge to an accrual accounting method. What is the impetus for moving to the accrual accounting method? What is the impact of this accounting change on the overall 2023 to 2027 revenue requirement?

CCC-3

Re: Ex. B/T1/S1/p. 3

Please explain the nature of the proposed capital investments over the 2023-2027 period. Why is there a larger capital investment in 2026 of \$ million?

CCC-4

Re: Ex. B/T1/S1/p. 3

The SME is proposing to add an additional 3FTEs during the 2023-2027 period. The evidence indicates that the rationale for these additions is to reduce expenses for outsourced work and build its in-house knowledge and expertise. Please provide the annual cost savings associated with this decision. Did the SME undertake business case in support of its decision to move more responsibilities in-house? If so, please provide that analysis. If not, why not?

CCC-5

Re: Ex. B/T2/S1/p. 1

Electricity customers are required to pay the SMC every month. The evidence indicates that the MDM/R provides a service that will continue to benefit all end-use smart meter customers across Ontario and continue to enable a number of value added applications from the data held and collected by the SME. Please describe all of the services that the SME provides for Ontario electricity customers.

CCC-6

Re: Ex. B/T2/S1/p. 3

The projection for 2023 enrollment of smart meters is forecast to be approximately 5.29 million smart meters and average 5.37 million during the 2023-2027 period. What is the basis for this forecast?