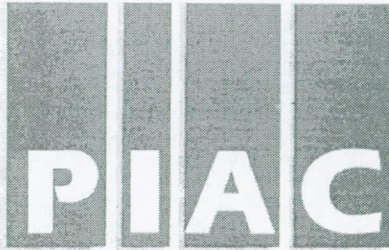


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Ms. Kirsten Walli
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)
Submission of VECC Interrogatories EB-2013-0018
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation

Please find enclosed the interrogatories of VECC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Michael Janigan
Counsel for VECC
Encl.

cc: Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation
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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B), as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation for an order or orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable
distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2013.

Information Requests of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

Stretch Factor Change

VECC Question # 1

Reference: Application Page 4, Price Cap Adjustment – Stretch Factor

- a) Please discuss Erie Thames awareness of the circumstances and outcome of other utilities that have requested a change in stretch factors.

VECC Question # 2

Reference: Application, Page 4

Preamble: Erie Thames indicates that given its unique circumstances, it has requested a stretch factor of 0.2%.

- a) Please explain how Erie Thames determined that a stretch factor of 0.2% was more appropriate for its circumstances than 0.4%, and provide any analyses undertaken.

VECC Question # 3

Reference: Application, Page 5

- a) Please explain more fully how the expenditures in 2009 are not reflective of the efficiency of expenditures by Erie Thames.

VECC Question # 4

Reference: Application, Page 6

Preamble: The evidence indicates Erie Thames did not seek to defer rebasing for up to 5 years immediately following the merger as provided for in EB-2007-0028. Instead, Erie Thames applied for a cost of service rebasing less than 1 year later.

- b) Please discuss Erie Thames' rationale for filing a cost of service application less than 1 year later.

VECC Question # 5

Reference: Application, Page 6, Table 1

Preamble: Table 1 in the evidence compares Erie Thames' overall rates for delivered electricity compared to the rates of similar utilities in Cohort 1 and Cohort 2.

- a) Please provide a reference for the data in Table 1.
- b) In Table 1, the utility with an overall average rate ranking of 2 has a cohort result of 3 (0.6%). Erie Thames has a ranking of 10 and a cohort result of 3. Please discuss Erie Thames' request in the context of these results.