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**TECHNICAL CONFERENCE QUESTIONS FOR NEWMARKET-TAY POWER DISTRIBUTION LTD.
2010 Electricity Rate Application - EB-2009-0269**

FROM THE CONSUMERS COUNCIL OF CANADA

JANUARY 4, 2011

1. Re: CCC #3

Please provide a further updated 2010 capital plan.

2. Re: CCC #3

Please explain why the Overhead Line Additions, Rebuilds - CP 198 has been deferred . Does N-T intend to undertake the project and spend the full \$1.9 million in 2011?

3. Re: CCC #3

Please explain why there was a significant variance (\$306,000) for the project - Blankets and Other Replacements in what was actually spent relative to the original 2010 forecast.

4. Re: CCC #3

Please explain why the Transformers (CP 218 and TP 218) project came in \$100,000 over budget.

5. Re: CCC #3

Please explain why there was a significant variance (\$646,000) for the project CP 224 Boggartown Station in what was actually spent relative to the original 2010 forecast.

6. Re: CCC # 3

The schedule indicates that N-T plans to spend \$585,000 on leasehold improvements in 2010. Please explain the nature of these expenditures.

7. Re: CCC #5

Please provide the actual number of customer additions for 2010.

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8. Re: CCC # 6

In the table provided - 2002-2010 Capital Additions there is reference to a revised budget for 2010. Please explain what adjustments were made and why (Please explain the note, CP 276/TP 276 MDMR Capital CP 198 Removed).

9. Re: CCC # 7

The answer refers to a request for a deferral account for the VIVA costs. Please explain how that deferral account would work. Is the point to capture actual costs of the project? When would N-T propose the account be cleared?

10. Re: CCC 10/11

We will be seeking clarification on the tables provided regarding smart meter costs. Has Newmarket-Tay done any cost/benefit analysis regarding its smart meter program. Is N-T aware of any Provincial cost/benefit studies undertaken with respect to the smart meter program?

11. Re: CCC # 20

What was the actual level of wage increases for 2010?

12. Re: CCC # 21

Will N-T be using existing employees to deliver its CDM programs? Does N-T intend to hire employees to delivery and manage its CDM programs?

13. Re: Board Staff # 8(e)

How are the "dumb" meters depreciated?

14. Re: Board Staff # 15

Were there any vacant positions in 2010?

15. Re: Board Staff 21

Please explain in detail the 2010 OM&A budget is increasing by 9.34%

16. Re: Board Staff 24

Will N-T be seeking to recover any LEAP costs for the winter of 2010/2011? Has N-T engaged a social service agency to deliver the LEAP program in its service territory?