

1 **Ontario Energy Board (Board Staff) INTERROGATORY #8**

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3 **Interrogatory**

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5 Would the requested amendment have an impact on Veridian or its customers? If yes,  
6 please describe.

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9 **Response**

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11 Networks' application is for two specific new customer connections where Networks has  
12 lines which lie along the two customer connection points. Veridian does not have lines  
13 close to the connection points. Networks, moreover, believes it has provided the service  
14 at the lowest incremental cost. Although Networks would expect very little impact,  
15 positive or negative, to Veridian or its customers due to the specificity of the application,  
16 Veridian is in a better position to answer this question.

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18 On a case by case basis, such as the connection of these two customer, Networks supports  
19 limited and specific amendment applications where another LDC can provide service to a  
20 customer at a lower incremental cost and where the amendment does not negatively  
21 impact other customers, existing and prospective. In addition, it supports applications  
22 where offers to connect are made on a level playing field by including all upstream costs  
23 (e.g., where a distributor is "embedded" in the incumbent utility's distribution system.)

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25 Networks continues to hold the principle that LDCs should have well-defined service  
26 areas that (1) define who has the ultimate obligation to serve, and, (2) provide the LDC  
27 with stable planning horizon that will ensure long-term supply for customers, minimize  
28 the devaluing, under-utilization, or stranding of assets and ensure the long-term efficient  
29 use of assets, which is beneficial to all customers.