

1 **Vulnerable Energy Consumers' Coalition (VECC) INTERROGATORY #1**

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5 Reference: February 14, 2003 Application re: EB-2003-0031, page 1, lines 12-15

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7 a) Is it Hydro One's position that when (potential) customers lying along an
8 Ontario distributor's lines request an Offer to Connect, the distributor is
9 obligated to make an offer even if the customer is not in the distributor's
10 currently licensed service area? In responding, please distinguish between
11 new customers and customers already receiving service from an incumbent
12 utility. If necessary for purposes of the response, assume that the OEB has the
13 jurisdiction to deal with service area amendments for existing customers.

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16 **Response**

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18 Networks believes that it has the obligation, but this obligation applies only to new
19 customers. Section 28, a) and b), of the Electricity Act, 1998, requires that "a Distributor
20 whose lines lie along a building, when requested in writing, is obligated to connect".
21 Networks must meet these obligations as a licensed distributor regardless of whether the
22 customer is located in Networks' licensed service area.