

THESI INTERROGATORY #5

INTERROGATORY

Question: The broad themes articulated throughout your evidence are that distributors be allowed to compete for the right to connect “unserved and underserved customers”, that from a policy perspective it would be consistent with the overall thrust of energy policy in Ontario to rely on competition to enhance efficiencies in the distribution sector, and that wherever feasible competition is preferable to monopoly.

Given these themes please confirm that you would have no objection to incumbent Ontario LDCs (or their parent holding companies) creating new subsidiary or affiliate LDCs to compete with Wirebury.

RESPONSE

Wirebury would have no objection to competing with existing and new distributors to connect and provide distribution services to unserved and underserved customers provided there is no cross-subsidization and the distributors bear the full cost of providing the competitive services.