

THESI INTERROGATORY #7

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Reference: Report of John Todd, filed September 26, 2003, Page 4, Lines 6-8

In the case of greenfield and brownfield developments, who are the customers, which will contract with non-incumbent LDCs such as the proposed Wirebury:

- (a) If developers were the customers, what costs would developers be seeking to minimize?
- (b) If they are seeking to minimize the capital contribution, what impact will that have on the rates paid by eventual end users?
- (c) After a developer has selected a distributor, will the eventual end users have any further scope for choice or will they be captive customers?

RESPONSE

- a) The customers are the developers and they would be seeking to obtain the best value for their investment as discussed at Page 14 lines 8-17 of the Report of John Todd.
- b) The developers are seeking to maximize value. As rates are approved by the OEB the utility investment will be supported by Board approved rates.
- c) Further choice by consumers after the distribution infrastructure has been constructed is expected to be determined by the Board as an outcome of this Combined Proceeding. However, it is Wirebury's position that once the distribution infrastructure has been constructed in new developments a monopoly within that area has been created.

Please refer to Wirebury's response to Hydro One at Ex. J12, T8, S10 for further discussion on customer impacts.

