

VECC INTERROGATORY #21

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Reference: The Report, page 8, lines 3-5 and line 31 to page 9, line 2

Preamble: “does not imply that distributors would be permitted to convert customers from the incumbent’s distribution network to their own facilities, leaving the facilities of the incumbent stranded”

- a) If, as described on lines 3-5, the non-incumbent distributor does not use the upstream facilities of the incumbent, could allowing competition for the right to connect unserved and underserved customers result in stranded assets?
- b) If so, how should such circumstances be addressed?

RESPONSE

- a) Allowing competition for the right to serve unserved or underserved customers should not result in the stranding of assets even in the circumstance described in the reference. If the embedded distributor has the economic choice and chooses to connect to a distributor other than the incumbent assets that the incumbent already had in place are available to serve others and therefore are not stranded.
- b) This is not applicable since the assets are not stranded.

