

1 **Ontario Energy Board (Board Staff) INTERROGATORY #15 (Prefiled Evidence)**

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3 **Interrogatory**

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5 At page 20, lines 9 through 12, Networks indicates support for applications where offers
6 to connect are made on a level playing field by including all upstream costs.

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8 a) Please provide a list of all the costs that should be included in offers to connect.

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10 b) Does a level playing field result only when a distributor is embedded in networks
11 distribution system?

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14 **Response**

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16 (a) In accordance with the Distribution System Code (“DSC”) Section 3.0, the costs
17 currently included are: distribution system expansion capital costs (if any expansion
18 is needed to connect the customer), distribution connection capital cost attributable,
19 distribution system reinforcement capital cost, and any on-going operating,
20 maintenance and administration costs. However, the DSC does not address the cost
21 associated with compensation for stranding or under-utilization.

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23 (b) A level playing field, with respect to connection costs, can occur if the applicants
24 (embedded or not), follow the procedures contained in Networks’ Pre-filed evidence,
25 Appendix B, particularly lines 93 to 97 on page 4.
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