

1        **Ontario Energy Board (Board Staff) INTERROGATORY #17 (Prefiled Evidence)**

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3        **Interrogatory**

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5        In considering service area amendment applications, should any weight be given to the  
6        economic benefit to customers of lower connection costs and / or lower rates, and also to  
7        the economic benefit to the community and province these customers may provide?

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10       **Response**

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12       Networks believes that: 1) local economic benefits are not included in the objectives of  
13       the Board; 2) due to their transitional nature, current rates should not be the basis for  
14       making these decisions; and 3) appropriate conditions for amendments are contained in  
15       Networks' Pre-filed evidence on Page 3, lines 1 to 7.

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