

1 **Ontario Energy Board (Board Staff) INTERROGATORY #2 (Prefiled Evidence)**

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Interrogatory

At page 2 of its evidence, Hydro One sets out four principles.

a) With respect to the first principle:

What time frame is meant by “longer term” in this principle?

Would the minimization of short term costs prevent the achievement of this goal?

b) With respect to the second principle:

Does “entire customer base” refer to customers over the entire province, or the customers of one utility?

c) With respect to the fourth principle:

What length of time is contemplated in the “planning horizon” referred to?

Response

(a) The “longer term” time frame for planning is approximately 10 years. Focusing on the short-term only could lead to either redundant or unnecessary costs as a result of insufficient planning to implement the most cost-effective solution for a particular situation.

(b) The reference to the entire customer base is meant to refer to all customers in Ontario.

(c) Networks’ distribution planning horizon is considered to be 10 years.