

1 **Ontario Energy Board (Board Staff) INTERROGATORY #2 (Southwest Submissions)**

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3 **Interrogatory**

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5 If the proposed amendments are granted to Essex, Erie Thames and Enwin, is it Hydro
6 One's expectation that:

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8 a) New customers in the expanded service areas for Essex, Erie Thames and Enwin
9 would have a choice of distributor?

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11 b) If yes, and some customers choose Essex/Erie Thames/Enwin and some customers
12 choose Hydro One, two distribution systems be built?

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14 c) Choice be provided to customers. Please describe how this might occur.
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17 **Response**

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19 (a) Networks understands this is the intent of the applications submitted by Essex and
20 Enwin but maintains that the application, if approved, would harm its customers and
21 would not be in the public interest. Please refer to Networks' Exhibit J8-10-6.
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23 (b) Networks has no knowledge of the Applicants' intentions other than from the
24 interrogatories that Essex and Enwin have answered on the issue which indicate that
25 they will both build out from their existing systems and request points of supply for
26 new embedded service territories. As a result, there would be unnecessary
27 duplication of assets. There would be no duplication of assets for Erie Thames Phase
28 1, but the later stages would result in the duplication of assets.
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30 (c) Networks cannot speculate on how customer choice might occur. Networks believes
31 that the requirements of Section 28 of the Electricity Act and the obligations under a
32 distributors' licence as set out by the Board will govern the issue of customer
33 connections. It appears that Erie Thames has not requested an overlapping service
34 area.
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