

1                    **Ontario Energy Board (Board Staff) INTERROGATORY #8 (KEMA Report)**

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3                    **Interrogatory**

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5                    Is the utility planning process set out on pages 5 and 6 established in any regulatory  
6                    document or requirement for Ontario distribution companies? If yes please provide the  
7                    reference. Is the process typical of a wires-only electric distribution business?  
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10                   **Response**

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12                   The utility planning process for gas distribution utility system expansion is set out in the  
13                   OEB's EBO 188 *Final Report of the Board*, dated January 30, 1998. The Board's  
14                   findings at page 17 accept the utilities' 10 year forecast horizon for customer connections  
15                   and planning horizons up to 40 years on page 10.  
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17                   Although the OEB has not reviewed electricity utility forecasting and planning processes  
18                   as they did for gas utilities, the planning obligations for electricity distributors are set out  
19                   in sections 3.2.3 and 3.4.1 of the Distribution System Code. The forecast and planning  
20                   horizons set out in the EBO 188 Report are also prevalent in the electricity industry in  
21                   Ontario and other jurisdictions, as described in the KEMA-Quantec Report.  
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23                   Please Note: Any questions concerning this response should be directed to Networks'  
24                   witnesses.  
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