

1 **Vulnerable Energy Consumers' Coalition (VECC) INTERROGATORY #11**

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5 Reference: August 7th, 2003 Prefiled Evidence of Hydro One, page 21 (lines 23-24)

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7 Preamble: “Consistent with the desire of all parties to minimize costs and to assist the
8 Board in streamlining its procedures for timely decisions as they affect the
9 parties”

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11 Question:

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13 a) Some parties to this proceeding have claimed that approval of overlapping
14 service areas is required in order to streamline the regulatory approval process
15 and allow for the timely connection of customers. Please comment.

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18 **Response**

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20 Networks does not believe that overlapping services territories are in the public interest.
21 Networks favours clarity in the rules and responsibilities of LDCs so that all parties
22 govern themselves according to the principles that are established through this
23 proceeding. While the question presumes that the Board will approve overlapping service
24 areas it is not clear that this will be the case as it is not the most economically optimal
25 outcome. Networks has outlined its view of a streamlined regulatory process to address
26 service area amendments in Appendix B of Networks’ Pre-filed Evidence. Parties would
27 be expected to negotiate and seek Board resolution only in rare circumstances where
28 issues cannot be settled.

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