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## Vulnerable Energy Consumers' Coalition (VECC) INTERROGATORY #8

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## **Interrogatory**

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Reference: February 28, 2003 Response to Centre Wellington's Application for Distribution Service Area Amendment, page 7, lines 28-30

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a) Please explain why, if Hydro One is the least cost supplier for new customers in a proposed expansion area, customers would not select Hydro One as their electricity distributor when given a choice.

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b) Are there potentially parts of Hydro One's currently licensed service area where another distributor would be the least cost supplier for new customers? If so, is this sufficient to warrant a service area amendment or are there other factors that would also need to be considered by the OEB?

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## **Response**

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(a) See Networks' pre-filed evidence at section 4, and particularly subsection 4.4. Customers may have various motivations. Networks believes the impacts on all customers and other aspects of the public interest need to be balanced against individual customer choice.

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(b) See Networks' pre-filed evidence at p. 3, lines 1-7 and section 3 and Networks' Exhibit I8-10-8.

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