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Interrogatory

Reference: February 28, 2003 Response to Centre Wellington's Application for Distribution Service Area Amendment, page 13, lines 1-4

a) Given the concerns Hydro One expressed elsewhere in the response regarding the underutilization of existing assets (e.g. page 3, lines 15-17), what would be the types of circumstances under which Hydro One would view that connection of new customers in its existing service area by another distributor would not lead to stranded assets?

b) What are all of the "externalities" that need to be addressed in licence amendment applications and how would Hydro One propose they be evaluated and considered by the Board?

Response

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

(b) See Networks' pre-filed evidence at section 5. The additional externalities that need to be addressed include the incumbent utility's ability to perform planning, its obligation to plan both for itself and the load of embedded distributors, the stranding or under-utilization of its upstream assets and its fixed cost overheads. In addition, see section 3 of Networks' individual submissions in Essex Powerlines, Enwin Powerlines and Erie Thames Powerlines.