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1   *Veridian Connections Inc. INTERROGATORY #2*

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3   *Interrogatory*

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5   In paragraph three on page 7, lines 14-22 of Networks Prefiled evidence, there is a very

6   brief description of the "annual evaluation of the supply system's ability to perform" and

7   how this feeds information into system planning. There appears to be a distinction

8   between the performance evaluation and the system planning. Please provide a detailed

9   description of how Networks undertakes an annual evaluation in its service or grid areas.

10   In particular, please describe the critical attributes used in the evaluation and how each is

11   weighted or valued for importance.

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14   *Response*

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16   Networks' load forecast takes into consideration economic indicators (e.g. GDP), input

17   provided by municipalities (e.g. building permits), as well as customer load surveys (e.g.

18   large industrial, LDCs).

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20   Networks makes use of field staff collected information (e.g. load, voltage, historical

21   asset performance, asset condition) to confirm the state of the its distribution system.

22   Networks uses this information together with load forecasts to determine system

23   capability to meet future load.

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25   Critical system attributes taken into consideration when making investment decisions

26   include safety, customer reliability, loading, equipment ratings, voltages and asset

27   condition.

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