

Wirebury Connections Inc. INTERROGATORY #18

Interrogatory

Networks indicates that in addition to its obligation to connect under section 28 of the Electricity Act, it has an obligation to connect pursuant to its distribution license.

Reference: p.20, L17

- a) Please provide a copy of Hydro One's license highlighting the licensing requirements that would trigger an obligation to connect customers not lying along a Hydro One line.
- b) Is this an exclusive right for Networks or can the customer seek other connection offers that may be less costly? Please highlight any sections of Networks' license that would prohibit the customer from seeking offers to connect from other distributors.
- c) Is the offer to connect triggered by a request from the customer or does Networks automatically assume that it will connect the customer?
- d) Can customers rely on the Distribution System Code to seek alternative offers where a capital contribution is required? Are there any legislative or regulatory prohibitions on customer choice?

Response

- a) Attached is Networks' distribution licence. Please refer to Section 13.
- b) No section in a distributor's licence prohibits a customer from seeking an offer from another distributor; however, the incumbent distributor has the obligation to make an offer to connect.
- c) Yes, the offer to connect is triggered by a customer request.
- d) No to both questions.