

1 **Wirebury Connections Inc. INTERROGATORY #20**

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5 Networks is concerned that incumbent distributors would be required to connect less
6 desirable customers if overlap was allowed.

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8 Reference: P. 21 L5-6

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- 10 a) Does Networks agree that where a customer is located in an overlapping
11 service area, both of the overlapping distributors would have an obligation to
12 provide an offer to connect if requested by the customer? If Networks
13 disagrees, please explain why this obligation would not be a license condition
14 for both distributors.
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- 16 b) Does Networks agree that if a customer accepts a distributor's offer to connect,
17 that distributor has a regulatory and contractual obligation to connect the
18 customer? If not, please explain why.
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- 20 c) Please confirm that offers to connect customers can be conditional including a
21 request for the customer to pay a capital contribution covering any shortfall in
22 the recovery of costs. If this is not Hydro One's understanding, please explain
23 why. If the previous conditions are met, why would Hydro One have a
24 problem connecting the customer?

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27 **Response**

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- 29 (a) This issue of overlapping service areas is being considered by the Board in this
30 proceeding. The Board will decide how this matter will be dealt with.
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- 32 (b) Networks believes it has an obligation to connect as set out in the Electricity Act,
33 Section 28. Networks also believes it would have a contractual obligation if the
34 customer and Networks agree to the terms of a connection offer.
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- 36 (c) Yes, offers to connect may be conditional on any number of items, subject to
37 agreement by both parties named in the agreement. If the agreement is made,
38 Networks would perform any obligations it made in the agreement.
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