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BY FAX AND MAIL

June 12, 2003

Mr. George Armstrong  
Manager Regulatory Affairs and Key Projects  
Veridian Connections Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Armstrong:

**Re: Combined Distribution Service Area Amendment Proceeding  
Board File No. RP-2003-0044, Interrogatories to Applicants**

Procedural Order No. 1 for Proceeding RP-2003-0044, issued March 28, 2003 provided that parties and Board staff who wished additional information from the applicants may request that additional information by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to the applicants by June 12, 2003.

Please find attached Board staff interrogatories.

Applicants are reminded that complete responses to the interrogatories are to be provided no later than July 10, 2003.

Yours truly,

Gord Ryckman  
Advisor, Energy Licensing

cc Paul Pudge, Board Secretary.

## Interrogatories

### **Veridian Connections:**

1. Please provide a precise description of the proposed amendment service area suitable for inclusion in the amended licence.
2. Does your application propose an overlapping or non-overlapping service area amendment?
3. Are there existing customers in the proposed expanded service area? If so, who will serve these existing customers if the proposed amendment is granted?
4. Could existing customers of Hydro One (if any) choose to switch to Veridian Connections? If yes what distribution assets would be used to serve them? If Hydro One's assets, please describe the metering, billing and other arrangements necessary to serve them. If Veridian Connection's assets, describe how Hydro One would be compensated for a) lost revenue b) stranded assets?
5. What are Veridian Connections' Reliability Indices and Service Quality Indicators?
6. What other quantitative evidence is available to compare Veridian Connection's reliability and service quality with that of Hydro One's reliability and service quality in the area? Please provide such evidence.
7. What are Veridian Connections' distribution rates that would apply in the amended service area? How do these compare with Hydro One's rates?
8. Will additional load transfers or metering points be required as a result of this proposed service area amendment? If yes, identify specific ones if possible.
9. On p.3, Section 2.7 of Veridian Connections' reply submission dated March 28, 2003, there is an implication that customers in the amendment area wishing to connect would pay any associated cost of resulting duplications and inefficiencies. How would this cost be calculated and administered?
10. If the proposed amendment is granted, would new customers in the expanded service area have a choice of distributor? If yes, and some customers chose Veridian and some customers chose Hydro One, would two distribution systems be built? Please describe the way that choice would be provided to customers. Please discuss this aspect of the proposal with reference to the fourth electricity objective in the OEB Act: promote economic efficiency in the ...distribution of electricity.

11. If the proposed amendment is granted, who would have the obligation to serve customers in the expanded service area? Could a scenario arise where both distributors have the obligation?
12. Would the requested amendment have an impact on Hydro One or its customers? If yes, please describe.
13. Would the requested amendment have an impact on Veredian or its existing customers? If yes, please describe.