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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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2300 Yonge Street, 27th floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (“THESL”)
OEB File No. EB-2012-0064 (the “Application”)
Phase 2 Interrogatory Responses – AMPCO 9**

THESL writes to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) in respect of the above-noted matter.

Pursuant to THESL’s letter dated November 21st, 2013, THESL encloses its response to AMPCO Interrogatory 9.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

[original signed by]

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cc: Fred Cass of Aird & Berlis LLP, Counsel for THESL
Intervenors of Record for EB-2012-0064

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1 **INTERROGATORY 9:**

2 **Reference(s): Tab 9, Schedule B3**

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4 THESL proposes to increase the number of handwells to be replaced from 1,031 to 2,500,
5 a unit increase of 1,469.

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7 a) Please provide the basis for this increase, i.e. what has changed; what new
8 information is THESL relying on to support the need for this increase relative to the
9 May 2012 filing?

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11 b) Please provide a breakdown of the cost and number of handwells replaced in 2012
12 (actuals) and 2013 (actuals and forecast to year end).

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14 **RESPONSE:**

15 a) THESL has added a total of 1,469 handwell units to the 2014 ICM work program.
16 Approximately 819 of these are additional units identified in the field; THESL's
17 record at the time of the Phase 1 filing did not indicate the existence of the 819
18 additional locations. These units were discovered when crews conducted field
19 reviews, at which point they were added to the program.

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21 The other 650 units are located in areas that were subject to City moratoriums at the
22 time of the Phase 1 filing. As these moratoriums have now been lifted, THESL is
23 permitted to undertake the necessary excavation of sidewalks and pavement needed to
24 complete handwell replacement at these locations.

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1 b) Costs and unit breakdown:

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	Replacement	Removal	Total	Costs (\$M)
2012 Actuals	2127	319	2446	\$12.39
2013 Actuals (YTD June)	213	3	216	\$1.47
2013 Forecast	1916	102	2018	\$15.40

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4 Costs in the table above are reflect financial entries in the associated time period. Due to
5 a lag in time between the replacement or removal of handwell units in the field and the
6 ultimate “closeout” of that work from an accounting perspective, costs related to units in
7 one year may appear as costs in the following calendar year (i.e. units completed in the
8 latter part of 2012 can have associated costs in 2013). As a result, the table above does
9 not provide a full representation of the unit cost of these jobs on an annual basis.

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11 In addition, handwell units must be replaced when there are existing streetlighting assets
12 inside. Units are removed (not replaced) when there are no longer streetlighting assets
13 connected to them. Removal work is less complex and entails lower costs than
14 replacement work.

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