

October 17, 2016

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2016-0077 – Horizon Utilities Corporation – 2017 Rates**

Please find, attached, interrogatories for Horizon Utilities Corporation on behalf of the Consumers Council of Canada pursuant to the above-referenced proceeding.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Yours truly,

*Julie E. Girvan*

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CC: All Parties

**INTERROGATORIES FROM THE CONSUMERS COUNCIL OF CANADA**  
**FOR HORIZON UTILITIES CORPORATION**

**EB-2016-0077 – 2017 RATES**

**Reference: Evidence p. 14/ Table 1**

Please explain why there is a significant balance in Account 1580?

**Reference: Evidence p. 17**

Please provide a Table setting out Approved Capital Projects/Additions for 2015 (\$38,314,524) and Actual Capital Projects/Additions for 2015 (\$46,643,216) in the same format as Appendix 2-AA.

**Reference: Evidence p. 17**

Please provide the most recent forecast of Capital Addition for 2016 as compared to the budget approved in EB-2014-0002 in the same format as Appendix 2-AA.

**Reference: Evidence p. 16**

The Council is interested in whether Horizon's proposals with respect to the Capital Investment Variance Account ("CIVA") are consistent with the EB-2014-0002 Settlement Agreement and Decision. As an example: if Horizon spends less than the approved 2016 capital budget by \$5 million what will be the 2016 entry to the CIVA? Please explain what specific relief Horizon is seeking through this application with respect to the CIVA.

**Reference: Evidence p. 45**

If Horizon had spent the amount on capital that was approved in EB-2014-0002 what would be the resulting ROE for 2015? Please provide any budget directives provided to employees with respect to 2015 and 2016 capital spending.

**Reference: Evidence p. 33**

Please confirm that Horizon has used the same methodology for its transition to 100% fixed charges as was approved in its 2016 rate adjustment proceeding.

**Reference: Evidence pp. 43-45**

Please explain how the merger costs that have been identified were calculated. How are the overall merger costs allocated amongst the relevant LDCs (Horizon, Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc. and PowerStream Inc.)? If \$4.5 million is Horizon's share for 2015, what is the amount that has been allocated to each of the other LDCs?