

VECC INTERROGATORY #7

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Reference: Evidence of Wirebury Connections Inc., paragraphs 47 and 52

Preamble: “Amending the incumbent’s license as well as expanding the service area of the applicant distributor would appear to double the administrative burden of the Board”

“The best way to accommodate choice for new and existing customers is to allow overlapping licences”

- a) Are there other benefits from permitting overlapping service areas, over and above the elimination of the administrative burden referenced in paragraph 47? If so, please indicate what they are.

RESPONSE

In addition to the reduction in the administrative burden, Wirebury maintains there would be a reduction in regulatory costs and enhancement to competitive choices, which will bring improved service value to customers. Open competition will also accelerate the introduction of new processes and new technology that will reduce costs and improve operating efficiencies. The introduction of interval meters will provide direct and indirect benefits to new and existing customers. For further discussion on the benefits of overlapping service areas and improved economic efficiency from competition, please refer to Wirebury’s response to Board Staff at Ex. J12, T10, S1 and to the expert report attached to the LDC Coalition interrogatory, Ex. J12, T15, S7.

