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Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2010-0377 / 0378 / 0379: Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity
Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario (ECAO) - Intention to participate
and Request for Cost Eligibility**

Intention to Participate in Consultative Process and Request an Award of Costs

As counsel to ECAO in this matter, we write pursuant to the Board's letter of December 17, 2010 herein (Consultation Initiation and Notice of Stakeholder Conference) to indicate ECAO's intention to participate in the above referenced consultative initiatives in respect of a Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity, namely Board file numbers EB-2010-0377, EB-2010-0378 and EB-2010-0379.

Request for Cost Eligibility

We are also writing to request that ECAO be determined eligible for recovery of its reasonably incurred costs of participation in Board file numbers EB-2010-0377, EB-2010-0378 and EB-2010-0379. ECAO seeks cost eligibility pursuant to Rules 3.03(b) and/or 3.04 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, as a party representing a public interest relevant to the Board's mandate.

ECAO is a not-for-profit corporation established to represent electrical contractors across Ontario. ECAO's 850 member contractors provide a broad range of electrical services in the institutional, commercial, industrial, residential and electrical utility construction and maintenance marketplace. The services provided include: planning, siting, construction and

maintenance of power lines, poles and transformers; construction and maintenance of substations; construction and maintenance of power generation equipment and facilities (powerhouses and all related inside and interconnection wiring); and construction and maintenance of interconnection facilities.

ECAO has a direct interest in the regulation of electrical transmission, distribution and related interconnection facilities. ECAO's members have done extensive work constructing connection facilities for Ontario's privately developed electricity generation facilities, and its members and their customers are directly affected by and interested in the regulation of network investment plans by transmitters and distributors. Further, ECAO has a unique ability to contribute to the Board's coordinated consultative process by drawing on the extensive industry experience of its members, and ECAO welcomes the opportunity to provide the Board with its perspective on issues such as economic efficiency and cost-effectiveness of network investment planning.

Communications

Please direct all communications relating to EB-2010-0377, EB-2010-0378 and EB-2010-0379 to:

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

Yours truly,

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