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Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Request for Intervention and Cost Eligibility

Renewed regulatory framework for electricity (EB-2010-0377, EB-2010-0378 and EB-2010-0379)

We are counsel to the National Chief's Office on Behalf of the Assembly for First Nations ("NCO").

We have explained to the Board the reasons for this late application and thank the Board for agreeing to entertain it.

The NCO has actively participated as intervenor and has been found eligible for an award of costs in the following proceedings:

- the Integrated Power Supply Plan (IPSP) (EB-2007-0707)
- the Transmission Connection Cost Responsibility Review (EB-2008-0003).
- the Distribution System Code Proposed Amendments regarding Connection Cost Responsibility for Renewable Distributed Generation (EB-2009-0077)
- the Retail Settlement Code and the Distribution System Code Proposed Amendments regarding the Settlement and Billing of Renewable Embedded Retail Generation Facilities (EB-2009-0303)
- the Regulatory Treatment Infrastructure Investment for Ontario's Electricity Transmitters and Distributors (EB-2009-0152)
- Transmission Project Development Planning (EB-2010-0059)

The NCO applies to intervene in this proceeding and requests confirmation of its eligibility for an award of cost in accordance with the Ontario Energy Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

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The NCO has made submissions in the above proceedings from the perspectives of First Nations as energy consumers and energy generators, transmitters and distributors. Those perspectives are relevant to the NCO's participation in this proceeding.

The Assembly of First Nations ("AFN") is the national representative organization for all the First Nations in Canada. The AFN represents the interests of 615 First Nations nationally, of which 134 are located in Ontario.

We respectfully submit that the NCO is eligible for costs under section 3.03(b) of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* as the NCO "primarily represents a public interest relevant to the Board's mandate". In addition, the 134 First Nations of Ontario represented by the AFN are a substantial body of consumers (ratepayers) in relation to regulated services, thus qualifying the NCO for costs under section 3.03(a).

The NCO intends to participate actively and responsibly throughout this proceeding. The NCO will coordinate its efforts with other registered participants where appropriate.

CONTACT DETAILS

The NCO has retained Manning Environmental Law as counsel in connection with this proceeding.

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The signed original and an extra copy of this letter follow in the mail.

Yours truly

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