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Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
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**Re: Developing Guidance for the Implementation of Smart Grid in Ontario – Board File No. EB-2011-0004**

Dear Ms. Walli,

In response to your request seeking qualified individuals to join the Smart Grid Working Committee, I would like to nominate Niraj Bhargava, CEO of Energate and his designate Alan Clarke, P.Eng.

I have known Niraj for over twenty years and in that time I have come to respect his considerable knowledge of energy efficiency, smart grid and HVAC control equipment. Energate is an Ottawa based company that provides a complete solution for residential Demand Response programs. Their experience goes far beyond the devices in the home and extends to issues relating to Home Area Network communications as well as interoperability with proprietary AMI communication protocols and other standards based communications.

Prior to joining Energate, Alan had been involved in the electrical energy sector as a meter design engineer at Schlumberger Industries. He also held positions at North York Hydro and the Energy Management Branch of Ontario Hydro where he was directly involved in the development and delivery of consumer energy efficiency programs.

Through various Demand Response deployments and pilots with many leading distribution companies in North America, Energate has gained significant exposure to the types of technological challenges that face Ontario as it moves ahead with its expansion of the Smart Grid.

I believe that Niraj and Alan's contributions will provide significant value to the Working Group.

Sincerely,