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Dear Ms Walli:

Re: EB-2011-0140/East-West Tie Line

We are counsel to the Consumers Council of Canada. We have been instructed by our client to request intervenor status so that it may participate in this proceeding.

Our client is a non-profit, public interest entity representing the interests of residential consumers of electricity in Ontario. The decision to designate a transmitter to carry out development work for the east-west tie line, and to allow that transmitter to recover the costs of its development work, may have implications for the rates paid by residential consumers for the transmission of electricity. Accordingly, our client has an interest in the outcome of the proceeding.

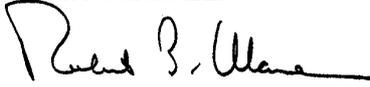
Although the Notice of Proceeding makes no reference to the recovery of costs for participation in the proceeding, should such recovery be allowed, our client intends to seek recovery of its reasonably-incurred costs for participating.

Our client has no principled objection to the Board holding a written hearing. Having said that, however, our client does not know enough about the procedure the Board proposes to follow to be able to finally determine whether a written hearing is sufficient in the circumstances. For example, we assume that the designated transmitter will not be allowed to recover its development costs without a hearing. Whether, in all of the circumstances, a written hearing is sufficient for that purpose, remains to be determined.

Once more information is known about the procedure the Board intends to follow, including the procedure for determining how and from whom the development costs will be recovered, our client will provide its comments on whether a written hearing is appropriate.

Yours very truly,

WeirFoulds LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Warren". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

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cc: Joan Huzar, Consumers Council of Canada

cc: Julie Girvan

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