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VIA EMAIL and Courier

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (EB-2011-0140)
Transmitter Designation for the East-West Tie Line**

The Ontario Power Authority ("OPA") is in receipt of the Board's Notice of Proceeding to designate a transmitter to carry out development work for the East-West Tie line, and is writing to request intervenor status so that it may participate in this proceeding.

The OPA has a significant role with respect to power system planning in Ontario, and specifically with the East-West Tie project. In developing the designation policy, the Board recognized the role of the OPA as the transmission planner for the province and identified an informed, effective plan from the OPA as the trigger for starting a process. In response to a request from the Board, the OPA filed its June 30, 2011 report: *Long-Term Electricity Outlook for the Northwest and Context for the East-West Tie Expansion*. The report provides a preliminary assessment of the need for a new East-West Tie line and provides planning justification to support the implementation of the OEB's transmitter designation process. The OPA supports the Board in the East-West Tie designation process and will support the designated and incumbent transmitters in implementing the development phase of the East-West Tie projects. It has participated and presented at transmitter's meetings on this initiative and will continue to be involved throughout the proceeding.

Please provide a copy of all relevant communications to Miriam Heinz, at the address above, or through email at: Miriam.Heinz@powerauthority.on.ca.

Yours truly,

(original signed)

Nancy Marconi
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