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Dear Ms Walli:

**Re: East-West Tie Designation Proceeding/EB-2011-0140**

We are counsel to the Consumers Council of Canada in this matter. On behalf of our client we have filed Declaration and Undertakings in order to be able to receive any confidential information that is filed.

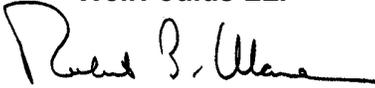
In its letter dated July 18, 2012, the Board invited parties who have filed Declarations and Undertakings but who are not registered transmitters to file a response to HONI's objection to providing unredacted versions of four consultants' reports.

Without knowing the content of the portions of the four consultants' reports that HONI wishes to redact, it is impossible for us to know the relevance of the information. That makes it difficult to respond to respond to HONI's objection on a practical basis.

Our larger concern, however, is a principled one. To accede to HONI's objection would be to create two categories of parties, one with access to all of the record, and the other with access to only a part of the record. That places the parties in the latter category at a disadvantage, and raises issues of procedural fairness. In addition, to create two categories of parties, particularly where there is no practical reason for doing so, would be to degrade the value of the Board's confidentiality undertaking. Either that undertaking is sufficient protection for confidential information, or it is not. In our view it is, and there is no reason why it should be altered, as HONI requests.

Yours very truly,

**WeirFoulds LLP**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Warren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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cc: Great Lakes Power Transmission LP  
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All parties