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Ms. Kristen Walli, Board Secretary
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Request to Extend Filing Deadline;
Board File EB-2011-0140**

We are writing on behalf of the following four registered transmitters participating in the Board's East-West Tie designation proceeding: AltaLink Ontario, L.P., Icon Transmission Inc., RES Canada Transmission LP, and TransCanada Power Transmission (Ontario) L.P. (collectively, the "**Requesting Transmitters**").

We are writing in respect of the Board's determination, in its Phase 1 Decision and Order dated July 12, 2012, that applications for designation be filed no later than January 4, 2013. While the Requesting Transmitters appreciate the need to keep the process moving with reasonable dispatch, the fact of the Christmas and New Year holidays ("**Holidays**") occurring immediately before the filing deadline is posing considerable logistical challenges.

Specifically, in order to meet a January 4, 2013 deadline, registered transmitters will need to revise and finalize their applications right through the Holidays, at a time when key personnel, external consultants and administrative support staff will be away from their offices. This will pose both substantive and logistical difficulties, impairing the ability of counsel to obtain instructions; registered transmitters to obtain required input from their technical staff and external consultants; and applicants, their counsel and their administrative staff to physically collate and reproduce the applications.

Given these challenges, the Requesting Transmitters respectfully request that the Board extend the application filing deadline by three weeks, from **Friday, January 4** to **Friday, January 25, 2013**. We believe this relatively short extension would address the practical problems described above without unduly delaying the Phase II proceeding.

The Requesting Transmitters remain fully committed to participating in the Phase II proceeding in a responsible and productive way, in order to further the Board's objective of timely and cost-effective development of the East West Tie line.

Yours truly,

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