

December 18, 2012

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.
2013 Distribution Rates Application
Board File No. EB-2012-0173

On November 12, 2012 the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 in Welland Hydro's 2013 Cost of Service Rate Application EB-2012-0173. The Board determined that Energy Probe, SEC and VECC would be granted intervenor status. They along with Board Staff were to submit written interrogatories to Welland by November 29, 2012. Welland was to provide written responses to the interrogatories by December 20, 2012.

In total, approximately 280 questions (including subsets) were posed to Welland. As result of the volume of questions and their complexity, Welland will be unable to meet the December 20, 2012 deadline as set out by the Board and is requesting an extension until December 31, 2012. Some of the issues Welland faced included requests for 2012 YTD actual for all revenues and expenses, 2012 Full Year forecast for all expenses, and 2012 Full Year forecast for capital and revised fixed assets continuity spreadsheets. The additional year deferral to IFRS required additional analysis including consulting the actuary for revised Post Retirement Benefit calculations.

Welland will work diligently to submit its responses prior to the requested extension but by no later than December 31, 2012.

Yours very truly,



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