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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. ("Thunder Bay Hydro")
2014 IRM4 Distribution Rate Application
Board Staff Submission
Board File Number: EB-2013-0172**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, written submissions by Board staff must be filed with the Board, and delivered to Thunder Bay Hydro by January 10, 2014. Board staff has reviewed Thunder Bay Hydro's 2014 IRM application and its responses to interrogatories and has no concerns with the application and the changes agreed to by the applicant.

Board staff notes that the Group 1 principal balances to be disposed as of December 31, 2012 reconcile with the amounts reported by Thunder Bay Hydro as part of the *Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements* and that Thunder Bay Hydro's proposed one-year disposition period is consistent with the guidelines outlined in the *Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative*. Therefore, Board staff has no issues with this request.

Thunder Bay Hydro's Reply Submission, if it intends to file one, is due by January 24, 2014.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By
Marc Abramovitz