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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
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**RE: Regional Infrastructure Planning – Establishing the Regional Planning Standing Committee (“RPSC”)
Board File No. EB-2011-0043**

Dear Ms. Walli,

The Canadian Solar Industries Association (CanSIA) would like to thank the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for the opportunity to nominate an individual for the Regional Planning Standing Committee (“RPSC”).

Background

CanSIA is a national trade association that represents approximately 500 solar energy companies throughout Canada. Furthermore, CanSIA represents some utilities, municipalities and community groups. Since 1992, CanSIA has worked to develop a strong, efficient, ethical and professional Canadian solar energy industry with capacity to provide innovative solar energy solutions and to play a major role in the global transition to a sustainable, clean-energy future.

Nominee

CanSIA would like to nominate **John Gorman, CanSIA President and CEO** to participate in the RPSC.

John Gorman joined CanSIA as President in March 2012. Before joining the CanSIA team, he served as Senior Vice President of External Affairs and Director (Canada) Visole Energy, an innovative, global integrator of solar energy systems. Prior to this he was a Founding Partner of PACE, a government and public affairs consulting firm focused on aligning the interests of the public and private sectors on matters pertaining to sustainable municipal infrastructure. John currently sits on the PVSP Executive Committee of the International Energy Association (IEA) and is a proud participant of Ontario's microFIT program with a solar PV installation on his home in Ottawa.

Past Participation

CanSIA has participated in some Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity ("RRFE") activities, collaborating with other energy associations, and has been involved with government agency (i.e. OPA) stakeholder consultations around regional energy planning.

Value to Committee

Solar energy impacts many aspects of the Ontario landscape, including electricity distribution and transmission, environmental factors, municipalities and communities, etc. CanSIA is interested in all provincial regions as solar energy is a renewable resource which can be deployed virtually anywhere in the province.

As renewable energy becomes an increasingly important part of the province's electricity mix, and as communities and aboriginal groups becomes more involved in solar and energy projects, it is important to ensure the solar energy industry perspective is shared and considered throughout the regional planning process.

Closing

Thank you again for this opportunity to become more involved in the OEB Regional Planning Standing Committee. Should you have any further questions or would like to discuss our nomination in greater detail, please contact Wes Johnston at wjohnston@cansia.ca.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wesley Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'W' and 'J'.

Wesley Johnston

CanSIA, Vice President