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Mr. Peter Fraser  
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Dear Mr. Fraser:

**RE: Regional Infrastructure Planning – Establishing the Regional Planning Standing Committee (“RPSC”) - Board File Number: EB-2011-0043**

Regional planning of energy infrastructure is increasingly important. With growing concern about the negative impacts of rising energy costs, aging infrastructure and localized increasing demand, a coordinated approach that bridges provincial and local goals is essential. Local initiative, local capacities and local limitations are vital elements to the successful integration and cost-effectiveness of the energy grid. In answer to your recent request for Regional Planning Standing Committee Members, AMO offers Geoff Lupton, Director of Energy, Fleet & Traffic, Corporate Assets & Strategic Planning Division, City of Hamilton, as a candidate to sit on this Standing Committee.

Mr. Lupton has a wealth of experience in the energy sector and how this integrates with other municipal functions. He will be a practical voice of experience from the municipal perspective. In addition, he has strong committee skills that have made him a valued member of AMO committee work.

In answer to your specific questions listed in the letter of invitation:

- Stakeholder interest: Mr. Lupton will bring forward the municipal perspective with the added advantage that he sits on the AMO Energy Task Force and is in regular contact with municipal energy representatives from across the province.

- The regional or provincial focus of interest (which of the 21 regions or 'provincial'): Regional, from Hamilton area, but as previously stated has deep connections across the province.
- Participation in recent regional planning activity: Mr. Lupton has been participating on the OPA Stakeholder Advisory Committee, AMO's Energy Task Force and BOMA Toronto.
- Your role within your organization: Mr. Lupton sits as a volunteer with AMO. He has full time employment as the Director, Energy, Fleet & Traffic and Senior VP of Hamilton Renewable Power Inc.
- Other memberships: Mr. Lupton has taken on roles as a representative for both AMO & BOMA
- Other details such as community engagement activities, technical qualification/ experience to be included: Mr. Lupton is active in energy conservation, renewable generation and district energy in Hamilton and fleet and traffic.
- What and how you intend to add value to this committee: Mr. Lupton will represent the interests of AMO and provide his expertise in municipal and energy matters

I am confident that you will find Mr. Lupton a tremendous asset to the work of the committee given his length of service and breadth of knowledge. We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,



Russ Powers  
President

cc: Ashley Hayle, Advisor, Regulation & Liaison - Ontario Energy Board