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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2014-0116, Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited Application for 2015 Distribution Rates (the “Application”)

This letter is being submitted on behalf of TELUS Communications Company (“TELUS”) and its affiliates. TELUS has wireline communications attachments on poles of Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (“THESL”), has an Agreement for Licensed Occupancy of Power Utility Poles and pays THESL the \$22.35 per pole attachment rate, as established by the Board in the 2003 Pole Rate Preceding, RP-2003-0249.

TELUS confirms that until this matter was uncovered and raised by Rogers Communications and the other carriers in their February 9, 2012 letter to the Board, TELUS was unaware of THESL’s rate application included a pole rate increase to \$92.53 per pole. As indicated by Rogers and the other carriers, no notice of THESL’s pole attachment rate increase was provided to any of the carriers attached to THESL’s poles, including TELUS.

Rather than repeat the concerns presented by Rogers and the other carriers, TELUS wishes to be on record as sharing the same view and opinions as those expressed by Rogers and the other carriers in their February 9th and February 11th correspondence to the Board. The timing and positioning of the pole rate sought by THESL appears to be designed so as to avoid notifying those carriers directly affected. Accordingly, TELUS supports and re-emphasizes the request to strike out THESL’s request in its Application for an increase to its pole attachment rates, along with as all of its supporting evidence, and

refuse to hear this matter in the course of the proceeding. Alternatively, TELUS asks that the Board deny THESL's request in the Application for an increase in its pole attachment rate. As Rogers and the other carriers previously stated, the relief requested by Rogers and the other carriers, and supported by TELUS, does not prejudice THESL's ability to request by separate application, properly served on interested parties, an increase in its wireline pole attachment rate.

Yours truly,

{Original signed by Charlene Schneider}

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