



June 29, 2015

via email - signed original to follow by mail

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

**Re: PowerStream Inc 2016-2020 Distribution Rates (EB-2015-0003)  
- SIA Notice of Intervention**

Dear Ms. Walli,

On June 18, 2015, the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) issued a notice concerning an application filed by PowerStream Inc. (“PowerStream”) for approval of 2016-2020 distribution rates. In accordance with the OEB’s notice, the Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (the “SIA”) applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.

The SIA is a public interest group which advocates for sustainable, prudent, cost effective, and equitably financed investment in public infrastructure. A detailed statement of the SIA's mandate and objectives has recently been filed and made available for public viewing with the OEB.

The SIA was approved as an intervenor in recent proceedings concerning the distribution rates of Hydro One Networks Inc, Horizon Corporation, Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited, and Hydro Ottawa Limited. The SIA’s intervention in this rate proceeding (pertaining to a similar application covering comparable issues) is motivated by largely similar concerns. Specifically, the SIA hopes to assist the OEB by exploring appropriate, cost effective, equitably financed, and sustainable investments by PowerStream in its distribution infrastructure.

The SIA expects that its intervention in this proceeding will focus on PowerStream's capital investment plans, a few select issues concerning prudent and efficient electric utility management (particularly as it relates to cost effectiveness and cost efficiency), as well as system reliability and disaster preparedness. The SIA expects to constrain its involvement primarily to the interrogatory and argument phases of the proceeding, and will further endeavour to be

particularly sensitive and focussed in the areas it addresses in order to avoid any unnecessary duplication of topic areas already covered by other intervening parties.

The SIA intends to apply for recovery of its reasonably incurred costs in the course of its intervention in this proceeding and believes that as a public interest group representing the direct interests of customers of PowerStream and citizens living within PowerStream's service territory, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Practice Direction on Cost Awards. The SIA is not ineligible for cost awards by reason of any of the criteria contained in section 3.05 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Please direct all correspondence to Mr. Dionisio Rivera, who has been retained as the SIA's consultant in this proceeding. We request only electronic copies of all relevant materials:

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The SIA appreciates the opportunity to voice its concerns, and looks forward to aiding the OEB in ensuring that PowerStream's expenditures and investments in its infrastructure are prudent and effective in meeting the needs of its ratepayers.

Sincerely,

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Robert Sutton  
Director, SIA of Ontario