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VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: OEB File: EB-2015-0141 – Motion for Review and Variance of Decision –
EB-2013-0416/EB 2014-0247 [IWOV-Legal.FID2120070
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)
Technical Conference December 17, 2015**

We are in receipt of the correspondence from counsel for the Carriers in the within proceeding. The Carriers request an adjournment of the technical conference of December 17, 2015 in order to conduct a settlement conference with Hydro One on tomorrow's date. There is no reference to the participation of other intervening parties in such a settlement conference, although the resolution of such issues primarily impacts the rate-paying constituents of the intervenors.

If the Carriers wish to discuss potential settlement with Hydro One they may do so informally at any time. If they wish to discuss settlement of outstanding issues with a view to putting forward as an agreement for approval to the Board, we are prepared to participate at the designated time. But it is entirely inappropriate that the Carriers try to commandeer the process by suggesting that the Board adjourn a technical conference, which may provide the requisite information for settlement or hearing purposes, so they can converse solely with Hydro One. The request subverts both the Board's established procedures and its statutory mandate. VECC asks that this request of the Carriers be dismissed. We have been informed that SEC is of the same view.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Janigan', is positioned above the typed name.

Michael Janigan
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Cc: All Parties

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