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January 4, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
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Toronto, ON
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2017-0224; EB-2017-0255; EB-2017-0275

**Joint Proceeding – 2018 Natural Gas Utilities' Cap and Trade Compliance Plans
Cost Claim of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) is an intervenor in the above-noted proceeding. We have just become aware that the deadline date for filing VECC cost claim was December 21, 2018.

We are writing to ask that the Board grant VECC an extension to file its claim. The administrator at the Public Interest Advocacy Centre prepares the VECC cost claims and in the past month within the PIAC there have been staff layoffs, as well as relocation of office and the file was overlooked. Also the Consultant on the file is away until January 7th and we have no access to her time on the file.

We note that the Board granted CCC until January 14, 2019 to file their costs on the proceeding and we would ask that VECC be granted the same time to prepare and file its claim.

We appreciate and thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Lawford", is written over a vertical line that extends from the "Yours truly," text.

John Lawford
Counsel for VECC

Cc: EGD, Union Gas, NRG