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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**RE: Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation ("Bluewater Power")
2009 Rate Application
EB-2008-0221**


On behalf of Bluewater Power, we are writing in response to the submissions filed by Board staff and Interveners in regard to the next steps in the above-referenced proceeding. Both Board staff and a number of the Interveners have suggested that further discovery is required, and have proposed either another round of interrogatories or a technical conference.

Bluewater Power requests that if the Board believes that further discovery is necessary that it proceed with another round of interrogatories instead of a technical conference. This approach will allow Bluewater Power to complete the record to the satisfaction of the parties and Board staff, while avoiding the additional costs associated with a technical conference (i.e. the cost of sending personnel to Toronto).

We note that, if another round of interrogatories is ordered by the Board, less time should be required for a settlement conference. To that extent, further discovery on the record will not only assist with the establishment of a satisfactory record for the hearing, but it should also streamline potential settlement discussions. We ask that the Board keep that in mind for scheduling if it orders a Settlement Conference in its next Procedural Order.

Yours truly,

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