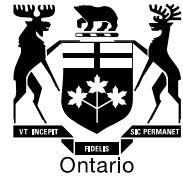


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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Essex Powerlines Corporation
2009 Incentive Regulation Mechanism (2009 IRM) Rate Application
Board File Number EB-2008-0174**

Board staff have reviewed Essex Powerlines Corporation's 2009 IRM application and its responses to the interrogatories and will not be making a submission. Please forward this letter to Essex Powerlines Corporation and all other parties in this proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Analyst