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Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Re: Review Initiative: Account 1562, Deferred Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILS") Board File No. EB-2008-0381 (formerly EB-2007-0820)

Dear Ms. Walli:

Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc. (licence ED-2002-0534) is one of three LDC's directed to file information in Procedural Order #3 of the above noted initiative. The Board has asked Enwin Utilities Ltd., Halton Hills Hydro Inc. and Barrie Hydro Distribution Inc. to make submission to the Board on a reasonable date on which to file responses to the interrogatories filed in this initiative. The only interrogatories filed were by Board Staff on February 6, 2009. Barrie Hydro submits that the filing of responses to these interrogatories by April 30, 2009 represents a reasonable date. Many of the questions in the interrogatories are those requiring changes in input to the Simpil Model, comparison of PILS tax proxy amounts to amounts paid to the Ministry of Finance, detailed reconciliations of amounts recovered from customers including unbilled calculations, etc. As some of this information occurred in 2001 the task of recovering and presenting this information in a user friendly format is an onerous one. Barrie Hydro is currently engaged in a number of regulatory and financial activities at this time. They are; completion of 2008 yearend, 2009 rate application processes, and the transition of the recent PowerStream / Barrie Hydro merger. The few staff of the former Barrie Hydro that were involved in and have knowledge of the PILS information are involved in all of the activities previously identified. As well if the response to the PILS interrogatories requires the need for outside tax consultants, due to the time of year the availability of these consultants is limited. Due to the above reasons the April 30<sup>th</sup> timeframe would allow for a complete researched response to the interrogatories containing the level of information which will be helpful to the Board and all Applicants and Intervenors in establishing a final methodology for disposal of the PIL's account.

This response has been filed through the RESS system; as well two (2) paper copies will follow.  
Please contact me if any further information is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Step Perry', written in a cursive style.

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