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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Pollution Probe – Comments on Draft DSM Guidelines
EB-2008-0346 – Draft DSM Guidelines for Natural Gas Distributors**

Pursuant to the Board's letter dated January 26, 2009, we write to provide Pollution Probe's comments on the Board's draft *Demand Side Management Guidelines for Natural Gas Distributors* (the "DSM Guidelines").

Pollution Probe's main comment is that the draft *DSM Guidelines* ought to include a guiding mission statement to provide certainty and clarity regarding the overall objective and purpose of natural gas DSM programmes. Pollution Probe thus respectfully submits that the following mission statement should be added to the final version of the *DSM Guidelines*:

To obtain to the fullest practical extent all of the cost-effective natural gas savings in a distributor's franchise area without causing undue rate increases

In addition, Pollution Probe also supports and endorses the Green Energy Coalition's comments dated February 19, 2009 regarding the draft *DSM Guidelines* except for the GEC's comments regarding Section 2.5.1 on Free Riders.

We trust that these comments are of assistance to the Board, and please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours truly,



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