

27 February 2009

Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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Dear Ms Walli:

**Re: EB-2008-0346 Draft Measures and Assumptions for gas DSM Planning**

CCC, CME, GEC, IGUA, LPMA, BOMA, Pollution Probe and VECC are pleased to advise the Board that these groups have cooperated to allow the joint engagement of expert assistance to review the Navigant Consulting Inc. report. The groups have pooled over 50 hours of cost eligibility to enable Mr. Chris Neme and his colleagues at Vermont Energy Investment Inc. to review the report and prepare comments. We write today on behalf of these groups to request a one week extension of the March 6<sup>th</sup> comment filing deadline to allow Mr. Neme the time to fulfil this task.

The Navigant report covers 78 measures and is over 268 pages in length. It changes assumptions for almost all existing measures and introduces new measures. There was little advance notice of the timing or extent of this exercise and it has been a challenge for our consultants to accommodate our request. We have held 3 hours of conference calls over the last 24 hours with Navigant in an effort to understand better how they developed various of their proposed changes or new measure proposals and have one more on Monday. We are awaiting Navigant's reply as to when they will be able to answer many of our questions.

Accordingly, we ask that the March 6<sup>th</sup> date be changed to March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,



David Poch

Cc: all parties