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Kirsten Walli
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Dear Ms Walli:

Re: EB-2008-0230/Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. ("GSHI")

We are counsel to the Consumers Council of Canada in this matter. This letter is provided pursuant to Procedural Order No. 2, in which the Board directed parties to make submissions on certain procedural issues.

GSHI is seeking an increase in rates which, if approved, will have a material impact on the prices paid by residential consumers. In addition, GSHI's application will, if approved, form the base for a 3GIRM.

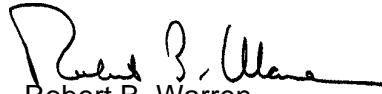
While GSHI has provided, in some instances lengthy, responses to the interrogatories filed by various parties. In a number of cases the responses are opaque, and require either clarification or more information. Because of that, we submit that a form of further discovery is required. We submit that a technical conference, preceded by the delivery of written interrogatories, would be the most cost-effective way to elicit the additional information.

In our experience, a settlement conference is a cost-effective way to resolve any differences between the utilities and their ratepayers. Even if a settlement conference does not resolve all of the differences, it will help to refine those differences so that any written or oral hearing can be more focussed, and, therefore, more cost-effective than would otherwise be the case.

While it is impossible, at this stage, to know definitively whether a written or oral hearing is preferred, we submit that, if the additional discovery process, and the settlement conference which follows it, are effective, then a written hearing is likely to be sufficient.

Yours very truly,

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