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May 27, 2009

Ms. Kirsten Walli Secretary Ontario Energy Board Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street PO Box 2319 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli

RE: EB-2009-0019 – Ottawa River Power Corporation Application for Service Area Amendment

Final Response to the Board

Please find attached Ottawa River Power Corporation's final comments and response regarding the above-noted application.

Yours truly,

Douglas Fee, P.Eng.

President

Attach.

Ottawa River Power Corporation Final Response to the Board Application for Service Area Amendment EB-2009-0019

The submission to the Board and subsequent interrogatories have brought forward the essential facts and arguments related to the application by ORPC to provide electrical service to one part of the expanded area of the Almonte Ward within the Town of Mississippi Mills.

The OEB Staff Submission to the Board reflects well the arguments of Ottawa River Power for allowing a service area amendment for this development within the expanded boundaries of Almonte. As indicated in our original submission, the key benefits of ORPC serving this area would include the following:

- Provide lower rates to the customers
- Reduce confusion for the customers
- Maintain the of local service to the entire community

The Board staff recommends that the Service Area Amendment apply only for the first phase of the development for 81 units. It is pointed out in the RP-2003-0044 Decision that application for large swathes of geography should be avoided and that our application to serve the entire development is not consistent with that particular Decision.

ORPC would argue that the development is not a large swath of geography. The complete development of 30.5 hectares is a well defined development. The developer has finished the design for the lots, roads, water service, storm and sanitary sewers for the complete development to assure that the overall plan meets the requirements of the municipality. A copy of the plan that was included with our original submission is attached.

For practical purposes, it is important to design the electrical system as a complete system for the block. A design that is prepared one phase at time would be quite different and less efficient in the use of cable and related duct and trenching.

The phasing of the development involved with the Service Area Amendment EB-2008-0094, approved by the Board in May 2008, was similar in nature. It consisted of 30.9 hectares that will be developed in several phases.

We would request that the Board approve the Service Area Amendment for the entire development block. This would allow for orderly servicing of the block, reduction in the cost of plant, and reduction in the confusion of potentially having two different suppliers for neighbours.

Respectively submitted

Douglas Fee, P.Eng. President

May 28, 2009

