

U. S. Steel Canada, Inc.

October 9, 2009

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
Suite 2701
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

RE: Board File Number: EB-2009-0332 – Horizon Utilities

Dear Ms Walli:

Please accept this letter as our request to be afforded intervenor status in the above referenced application by Horizon Utilities Corporation ("Horizon") to collect a Z-Factor Related Rate Rider.

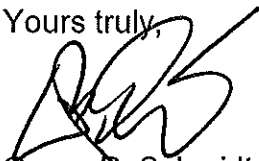
U. S. Steel Canada has a large industrial plant in Horizon's service territory into which we have invested significant resources in order to become and remain both financial viable and globally competitive. U. S. Steel Canada's Hamilton site is competing both in the production of steel as well as with other plants to secure future investment. The granting of this application will have profound and detrimental consequence on U. S. Steel Canada's ability to restart its Hamilton facilities and to compete in steel production and future investment. A precedent of this nature will also have consequences for U. S. Steel Canada and other manufacturers across Ontario who may chose not to invest in conservation and demand management activities as any material successes will be met with financial penalties.

We would appreciate your having all materials with respect to the proceeding delivered to Andrew Mahut. Mr. Mahut's contact information is:

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Yours truly,



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