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October 16, 2009

Ms. E. Kirsten Walli **Board Secretary** Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27th Floor, P.O. Box 2319 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: **Board Staff Submission**

Review Initiative: Account 1562, Deferred Payments in Lieu of Taxes

("PILs") Board File No. EB-2008-0381

We have been retained to act on behalf of Electricity Distributors Association ("EDA") in the above-referenced matter.

Further to the OEB Staff's letter of October 7, 2009, we wish the panel to be advised that the EDA is firmly of the view that the threshold question, as set out in Staff's letter of October 7th, should be addressed first before continuing with the combined proceeding and that parties be permitted to provide both written and oral submissions in regard to the threshold question.

Yours very truly,

Kelly Friedman

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CC. Marika Hare, OEB Staff

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