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Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
PO Box 2319, 2300 Yonge St, 27th floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Consultation on Energy Issues Relating to Low-Income Consumers
EB-2008-0150**

In its September 28, 2009 status update and letter of direction concerning the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (“LEAP”), the Board requested that distributors currently participating in existing financial assistance programs advise the Board if they plan on continuing their involvement during the 2009-2010 winter season.

Please accept this confirmation that Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (THESL) will continue to provide financial assistance to low-income consumers through its participation in the existing Winter Warmth program. THESL also understands that given the new circumstances concerning the development of a provincial approach to low-income assistance, it will be necessary for THESL to amend its 2010 rate application currently before the Board to reflect continuation of existing funding rather than the increase in funding that would have resulted from applying the Board guideline of 0.12% of the distribution revenue requirement. On this basis it appears to THESL that a shortfall of funds could develop before the end of calendar 2010. However, assuming that the current budget will continue to be available in 2010, THESL commits to providing that level of funding to assist customers during the winter of 2010.

Yours truly,

[original signed by Colin McLorg]

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cc: Intervenor of Record for EB-2008-0150