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VIA MAIL and E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge St.
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Canadian Niagara Power Inc.
Application for 2009 Electricity Distribution Rates
Board File No. EB-2008-0222, EB-2008-0223, EB-2008-0224**

Further to the cost claims filed on October 30, 2009, we are writing in support of the cost claim filed by the School Energy Coalition.

Specifically, we support SEC's submissions with respect to its lead role in issues relating to the inclusion of Port Colborne lease costs in rates. The complexity of that issue, plus the time required to prepare for and argue the motion for production and the review of the decision on that motion resulted, as we would expect, in additional, justifiable costs being claimed by SEC relative to other intervenors.

Yours truly,

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