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BY E-MAIL

December 23, 2009

Ms. Cristina Birceanu
Manager, Regulatory Affairs
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.
P.O. Box 1900
861 Redwood Square
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Dear Ms. Birceanu:

**Re: Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. - 2010 Electricity Distribution
Rate Application
Board File Number EB-2009-0271 – Adjournment Letter**

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated December 22, 2009 requesting an adjournment of the 2010 Electricity Distribution Rate proceeding. The letter indicates that certain material revisions to the application may be required. The letter also indicates that Oakville Hydro will be advising the Board as soon as possible in the new year whether revisions to the application will be needed and with respect to a proposed revised timeline for the balance of this proceeding.

The scheduled Settlement Conference and Oral Hearing established in Procedural Order No. 3 are the result of thorough scheduling considerations based, among other things, on the availability of Board resources and intervenor availability. The adjournment request is on grounds that are inadequate to cause a postponement, and for those reasons the request is denied.

Should Oakville Hydro wish to pursue an adjournment, it must provide the Board with more concrete information on the nature of the changes and their materiality, including robust reasons why any such changes cannot be accommodated as part of the current

schedule of the proceeding. As a Settlement Conference is scheduled to begin on January 13, 2010, any follow up by Oakville Hydro must be filed by January 8, 2010.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli,
Board Secretary
cc: All Other Parties