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Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Ms. K. Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Great Lakes Power Transmission LP -
Deferral Account Application (EB-2009-0409)**

We are counsel to Great Lakes Power Transmission LP ("GLPT") in the above-noted proceeding. The proceeding arises from a request made on behalf of GLPT to the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 27, 2009 for the granting of a deferral account for the purposes of recording capital costs, as well as operation, maintenance and administration expenses, related to renewable generation connections, system planning and infrastructure investments arising from the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009* ("GEA").

On December 30, 2009, the Board issued a Notice of Applications and Combined Hearing (the "Notice") in respect of both the deferral account request (EB-2009-0409) and a 2010 transmission rate application filed on behalf of GLPT on November 30, 2009 (EB-2009-0408), together with a Letter of Direction requiring service and publication of such Notice. The Notice refers to the deferral account request and the rate application as a single proceeding. Although the request and the application were made separately and have been given distinct file numbers, the Board appears to have consolidated these proceedings without having issued an order to this effect.

As the requestor/applicant, GLPT desires that these proceedings be considered separately because costs in relation to renewable generation connections, system planning and infrastructure investments arising from the GEA may occur prior to the disposition of the rates proceeding. GLPT therefore requests an order of the Board to deal with the deferral account separately and in the manner set out below.

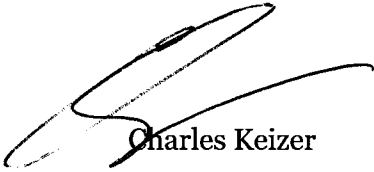
GLPT further requests a determination by the Board, pursuant to subsection 21(4) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, that its request for the deferral account be disposed of without a hearing. GLPT's view is that no hearing should be required because no person will be adversely affected in a material way by the granting of the request, which, if granted, would (a) result in GLPT having an account that is similar to accounts that have already been granted to electricity distributors and Hydro One Networks Inc. and (b) only allow GLPT to record amounts in the

proposed account. The disposition of any recorded amounts would be a matter for consideration in a future application from GLPT.

However, in the event the Board determines that a hearing is required in respect of the request for a deferral account, GLPT requests that such hearing be conducted in an expeditious manner so as to allow GLPT, if successful, to begin recording amounts in the proposed account at the earliest possible date.

Please note that, promptly following service of the Notice on the parties listed in the December 30, 2009 Letter of Direction, GLPT intends to serve a copy of this letter on those same listed parties.

Yours truly,



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