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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Suite 2700
Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2009-0423 – Alignment of Rate Year with Fiscal Year for Electricity Distributors

This letter is in response to the Board's January 21, 2010 letter related to the above noted proceeding. Three paper copies have been provided to the Board and an electronic version has been filed through the Board's web portal at www.err.oeb.gov.on.ca.

The London Property Management Association ("LPMA") is requesting that the Board determine that it is eligible for a cost award for all activities related to this proceeding.

LPMA submits that it is eligible to apply for a cost award based on section 3.03 (a) of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards. In particular, LPMA "primarily represents the direct interests of consumers (e.g. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services". The Board has found the LPMA to be eligible for cost awards in numerous natural gas and electricity proceedings before the Board. The outcome of this process may have an impact on the rates paid by LPMA members.

LPMA is a non-profit organization whose overall goal is to help property managers and those who own/operate residential income properties in the City of London and surrounding communities. The LPMA offers information and assistance to its members to help them deal with the legislation, rules and regulations that affect their business. LPMA is made up of more than 380 landlord members ranging in size from single unit owners to managers and owners of in excess of 2,000 units. The membership consists of a representative cross section of the rental property owners in the London and surrounding area. In total, LPMA members own or manage more than 35,000 rental units in the London and surrounding area. The majority of these members own or manage 10 or less rental units.

As a non-profit organization, LPMA does not have access to any other funding sources. LPMA relies on the cost awards it receives from the Board to effectively participate in, and assist the Board, in these regulatory proceedings.

As part of the Notice, the Board indicated that the name and credentials of any lawyer, analyst or consultant that may be retained should be provided, if known. LPMA advises the Board that it will be retaining Mr. Randy Aiken of Aiken & Associates to represent it in this process. Mr. Aiken has over two and a half decades of utility and regulatory expertise in both electricity and natural gas.

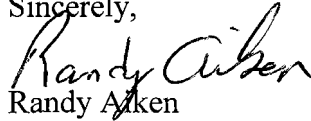
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If you require any further information or clarification, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Aiken". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randy Aiken
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