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To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Licensed Electricity Transmitters
All Licensed Electricity Retailers
All Licensed Electricity Generators
All Licensed Electricity Smart Sub-Metering Providers
All Licensed Wholesalers
All Licensed Natural Gas Marketers
All Natural Gas Distributors
The IESO
The OPA
All Other Interested Parties

Re: Delegation by the Management Committee

This letter is to inform you that the Management Committee has delegated additional powers and duties of the Board to employees of the Board under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

There are currently a number of Board powers and duties delegated to an employee of the Board, including the granting of franchise certificates under the *Municipal Franchises Act* and the determination of licensing applications under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

The Management Committee has expanded the list of delegated powers and duties to include:

- (a) the determination of applications made under sections 36(4.1) and 36(4.2) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*;
- (b) any calculation or determination required under sections 4 and 5 of Ontario Regulation 442/01—*Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection* (made under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*); and

- (c) the determination of applications by licensed electricity distributors made under section 78(3) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* if and only if the application is an incentive regulation mechanism ("IRM") application that involves no factual, legal or policy issues of significance.

The delegations for (a) and (b) above are effective as of December 16, 2009. The delegation for (c) above begins with the IRM applications for 2011.

If an employee who has been given a delegated authority is of the opinion that a matter involves a factual, legal or policy issue of significance, the employee will inform the Management Committee of the issue before the employee makes an order. The Management Committee may then direct that the matter be transferred to the Board.

The expansion of the areas of delegated authority is intended to facilitate the processing of applications, optimize Board member resources, and make the Board's processes more timely and efficient for our stakeholders.

If you have any questions, please contact Marika Hare, Managing Director of Applications and Regulatory Audit.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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Board Secretary