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**VIA EMAIL** 

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**September 18, 2008** 

Dear Ms. Walli, et al:

Re: Chris Aristides Pappas - Re: Honorarium request and consideration, in ER-2007-0050 - Hydro One - Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project

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If, in fact, the Board makes the decision to grant me the Honorarium, I have a small request. While I am anxious regarding a timely decision and disbursement regarding the Stage 2 Cost Claims and Awards, I would greatly appreciate it if the Honorarium disbursement is not sent until October 1, 2008, at the earliest. Unfortunately, the Ontario Disability Support Program has certain financial regulations, based on dates of the receipt of moneys.

"Gifts" such as an honorarium are not considered as income by the ODSP. The difficulty is that, if a "gift" is given and exceeds the allowable monthly balance, then the excess must be spent within the month that it is given. If this is not accomplished then it is counted as income in the following month(s). You are then penalized for the excess, denied your next month's benefits and may also have an overpayment reduction applied to your subsequent benefits, until it is exhausted. As you can see, if I were to receive this close to the end of the month this would pose a hardship. If, however, I received it on, or after, October 1, then I would have a month to address this. For example, I would like to put some of this towards university for my younger daughter. Of course, if the Honorarium is smaller than my monthly balance allowance, then time is not an issue, after all.

Respectfully, **Chris Aristides Pappas** 

**CC: Applicant**