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**BY E-MAIL**

April 22, 2010

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Essex Powerlines Corporation  
2010 Distribution Rate Application  
Comments on Draft Rate Order  
Board File No. EB-2009-0143**

Please find attached Board Staff's comments on draft Rate Order filed by Essex Powerlines Corporation on April 15, 2010. Please forward the comments to Essex Powerlines Corporation and to all other registered parties to this proceeding.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Silvan Cheung  
Advisor – Applications & Regulatory Audit

Encl.

**Board Staff Comments  
Essex Powerlines Corporation  
2010 Cost of Service  
(EB-2009-0143)**

**Draft Rate Order Documentation**

On April 1, 2010, the Board issued its Decision on Essex Powerlines Corporation's rate application. The Decision required the Applicant to submit its draft Rate Order within fourteen days of the issuance of the Decision. The Applicant submitted its draft Rate Order and supporting documentation on April 15, 2010. The following are Board staff's comments regarding the Applicant's draft Rate Order.

**Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**Smart Meter Rate Adders**

Board staff notes that the Smart Meter Rate Adders are embedded in the Monthly Service Charge. In the most recently issued Board Rate Orders, the Smart Meter Rate Adders are shown separately. Board staff submits that the Smart Meter Rate Adders should be shown as separate rate adders on the Tariff.

**Retail Transmission Rate (Page 14)**

Board staff notes that in the General Service 50 to 2,999 kW class, the Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered and Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered are missing from the Tariff sheet.

**Specific Service Charges (Page 15)**

Board staff notes that both monthly and annual Late Payment rates are missing from the Tariff sheet.

**Retail Service Charges (Page 16)**

Board staff notes that the Distributor-consolidated billing charge, per customer, per retailer and Retailer-consolidated billing credit, per customer, per retailer are missing from the Tariff sheet.

Board staff also notes that the charges related to Electronic Business Transaction (EBT) system were not included in the Tariff sheet.

Board staff submits that the Applicant should provide the missing information in its reply, or provide an explanation for the omission.

- All of which is respectfully submitted -