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VIA EMAIL

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 26th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Application for Electricity Retailer Licence – Board Staff Interrogatories Board File Number EB-2010-0045

We are in receipt of the Board Staff Interrogatories and understand that our response to the interrogatories is due by May 21, 2010.

Some of the information requested is not readily available and therefore it is necessary for Direct Energy to sort through various data in order to extract the specific information required. Unfortunately, this exercise may cause delay in submitting our response.

We respectfully request an extension until May 26, 2010 to submit a response to the interrogatories. We trust this is acceptable to the Board and thank you for your patience in this regard.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416 758 4254.

Sincerely, **DIRECT ENERGY** Per:

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