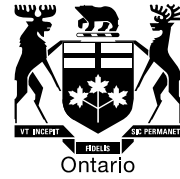


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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Just Energy Ontario L.P.
Applications for Gas Marketer and Electricity Retailer Licence
Renewal
Board File No. EB-2010-0152 and EB-2010-0153**

Dear Ms. Walli:

Please find attached the Board staff submission on Confidentiality for the above proceedings. Please immediately forward the attached document to Just Energy.

Yours truly,

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BOARD STAFF SUBMISSION ON CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST

Just Energy Ontario L.P.

**Application for Gas Marketer Licence and Electricity Retailer Licence
Renewal**

July 7, 2010

On March 30, 2010, Just Energy Ontario L.P. ("Just Energy") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), under section 50 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* ("The Act"), S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B to renew its gas marketer licence. Just Energy also filed an application under section 60 of the Act to renew its electricity retailer licence. The Board provided for an interrogatory and submission process in order to gather additional information that is relevant to the Board's consideration of the applications.

On June 10, 2010, Board staff filed written interrogatories. Just Energy responded to Board staff interrogatories on June 24, 2010. In its response, Just Energy requested that certain interrogatory responses be treated as confidential. Specifically, Just Energy requested that responses to interrogatories 2(c), 5 and 7 be treated as confidential due to their proprietary nature and high competitive sensitivity.

Board staff does not oppose Just Energy's confidentiality request. The interrogatory responses contain customer numbers and sales related information that is proprietary to the applicant. In Board staff's view, Just Energy has limited its request for confidentiality to only those responses that contain commercially sensitive information. This is in keeping with the Board's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*, which emphasizes the need to balance the protection of confidential information and with the general policy that all records should be open for inspection by any person; and all proceedings should be open, transparent and accessible.¹

~ All of which is respectfully submitted ~

¹ *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* (Practice Direction), Ontario Energy Board, Introduction and Purpose.