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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: File No. : EB 2009-0278 Re: Algoma Coalition - Algoma Power 2010 & 2011 Electricity Distribution Rate Application <u>Our File No.: 12524-5</u>

I act for the Algoma Coalition.

Unfortunately, due to the previous commitments, neither myself nor the CAO of Wawa are available to attend the conferences this week.

Due to very short notice of the existence of the Application, interrogatories were not filed. The expert witness commonly retained by the Algoma Coalition has now been retained by the Applicant and accordingly the Coalition was not able to properly respond to this Application.

The Coalition has previously responded to both Transmission and Distribution Rate Applications brought by Great Lakes Power.

With respect to the Application brought by Algoma Power, it is the Algoma Coalition's request that a Rate Order include a stakeholder meeting to be held annually between Algoma Power and its various stakeholders including the members of the Algoma Coalition.

With respect to the Rate Application at issue, it is the Algoma Coalition's concern that with a declining residential population in the serviced area, it appears that the present Rate Application contemplates the increase in residential rates thereby subsidizing commercial and industrial rates of the serviced area. The Coalition is concerned about the impact this may have on its members' constituents. Wishart

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We express our regrets at being unavailable on the dates set by the Board for this conference and hope that the above noted issues can be raised and canvass conferences.

Yours very truly, WISHART LAW FIRM LLP

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