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BY E-MAIL and COURIER

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2701
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Board File No. EB-2010-0249
OEB's Initiative to Develop Electricity Distribution System Reliability Standards**

1. The Independent Electricity System Operator (the "IESO") wishes to participate in the Ontario Energy Board's (the "Board") initiative to develop electricity distribution system reliability standards.
2. The IESO is a non-profit, non-share capital corporation independent of all other participants in the Ontario electricity industry. The IESO is established under the *Electricity Act, 1998* to administer the Ontario wholesale power markets and to direct the operation and maintain the reliability of the IESO-controlled grid. The IESO may make rules establishing and enforcing standards and criteria relating to the reliability of electricity service or the IESO-controlled grid, including standards and criteria relating to electricity supply generated from sources connected to a distribution system that alone or in aggregate could impact the reliability of electricity service or the IESO-controlled grid.
3. The IESO will not be seeking an award of costs for this consultation.
4. All materials related to this consultation should be addressed to:

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Yours truly,

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