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VIA MAIL and E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge St.
Toronto, ON
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)
Notice of Intervention: EB-2010-0072
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. – 2011 Distribution Rate Application**

Please find enclosed the Notice of Intervention of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

VECC notes that Centre Wellington is also requesting a change in its revenue to cost ratios for 2011 and asks the Board to consider ordering costs in relation to this matter. VECC notes that provision for cost awards relating to a proposed adjustment in revenue to cost ratios has been made in the Notices of Application recently issued for Essex Powerlines Corporation (EB-2010-0082) and Chatham Kent (EB-2010-0074).

Yours truly,

Michael Buonaguro
Counsel for VECC
Encl.

cc: Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.
Attention: Ms. Florence Thiessen

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sch.B, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act* for an Order or Orders approving just and reasonable rates for the delivery and distribution of electricity.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

OF

VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION (VECC)

To: Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

And to: Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.
Attention: Ms. Florence Thiessen

1. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) hereby expresses its intention to intervene and participate in the above-mentioned proceeding. VECC consists of the following organizations:
 - (a) The Federation of Metro Tenants Association
 - (b) The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO)

2. The Federation of the Metro Tenants Association is a non-profit corporation composed of over ninety-two affiliated tenants associations, individual tenants, housing organizations, and members of non-profit housing co-ops. In addition to encouraging the organization of tenants and the promotion of decent and affordable housing, the Federation provides general information, advice, and assistance to tenants. The address is:

500-27 Carlton Street
Toronto, ON
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3. The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO) is a coalition of over 120 senior groups as well as individual members across Ontario. OCSCO represents the concerns of over 500,000 senior citizens through its group and individual members. OCSCO's mission is to improve the quality of life for Ontario's seniors. OCSCO's address is:

333 Wilson Avenue, Suite 406
Toronto, ON
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4. The name and address of the agent authorized to receive documents on behalf of VECC is:

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5. VECC would request that all correspondence and documentation also be copied to VECC's consultant:

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6. VECC has accessed the electronic version of the Application materials as filed on the OEB's web site. VECC requests that electronic copies of any additional supporting materials be forwarded to each of the two parties named above.
7. VECC is intervening in order to ensure that consumer interests and in particular the interests of the low-income and vulnerable users of electricity are fully represented with respect to Centre Wellington's proposal to align its rate year with its fiscal year effective January 1, 2012.
8. VECC notes that Centre Wellington is also proposing adjustment to its customer class revenue to cost ratios for 2011 and asks that the Board consider ordering cost awards with respect to this issue as well. VECC notes that provision for cost awards regarding proposed revenue to cost ratio adjustments has been made in the recent Notices of Application issued for Essex Powerlines Corporation (EB-2010-0082) and for Chatham Kent Hydro Inc. (EB-2010-0074).
9. VECC agrees with the Board's proposal to deal with the application by way of a written proceeding,

10. VECC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that, as a coalition representing the direct interests of consumers, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its' Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03).

DATED AT TORONTO, THIS 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2010

Michael Buonaguro
Counsel for VECC
c/o Public Interest Advocacy Centre