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BY FAX

November 30, 2010

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Dear Ms. Shewchun:

**Re: Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.
2011 Electricity Distribution Rates
EB-2010-0137**

The Ontario Energy Board ("Board") is in receipt of your letter dated November 19, 2010.

As a member of Board staff has explained to you, there are various ways to participate in Board processes, and these are set out in the Board's rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules"). The Board notes that you requested to be an intervenor in this process. By so doing you have chosen to participate in accordance with those rules which guide the conduct of intervenors. These Rules can be found on the Board's website.

The Board's process for the review and consideration of rate cases follows a certain standard process so that the Board can ensure that it meets its statutory requirement to set just and reasonable rates. That process involves the filing of evidence by the applicant, which is then tested by all interested parties (intervenors) and Board staff. The Board does not change its process based on the requests of individual parties unless there is a strong and compelling reason to do so. The use of a standard process ensures that the integrity of the Board's core mandate is maintained.

The Board would encourage you to review the evidence filed by Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. ("Milton Hydro") and to participate in the rate hearing so that any substantive questions or issues that you may have with Milton Hydro's applied for rates can be considered by the Board.

The Board notes that you are entitled to participate in the Technical Conference, scheduled for December 3, 2010, which is intended to give interested parties an opportunity to ask questions about Milton Hydro's evidence. The process is oral and is transcribed. It therefore forms part of the record of the proceeding and will be reviewed by the adjudicative panel; however the adjudicative panel is not physically present during a Technical Conference.

In your letter you reference the Board's Notice of Application wherein the Board indicates that it intends to proceed by way of written hearing. You will note that the Notice goes on to provide an opportunity for parties to object to proceeding in this fashion. Specifically, parties are permitted to state the type of proceeding they believe to be necessary and the reasons why. The Board has noted your objection to a written process. It will be considered in due course.

The Board has also noted your submissions with respect to the adequacy of Notice in this proceeding. Please note that interventions may be accepted after the Notice period has expired. A party may file a late intervention request which will be considered by the adjudicative panel on an expedited basis.

The Board reiterates its determination that there are no grounds that warrant a suspension of Milton Hydro's electricity distribution rate case.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary