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Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
27 – 2300 Yonge Street  
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Board File Number: EB-2010-0332

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Dear Secretary,

Please be advised that EnviroCentre hereby applies for intervenor status in the proceeding noted above.

## **General Interest of the Intervenor**

EnviroCentre directly represents the interests of over 25,000 households, institutions and small businesses in Eastern Ontario, including thousands of low-income households, notably before the Board, the Ontario Power Authority, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario's Standing Committees on Finance and Economic Affairs as well as Social Policy, and with the media.

The consumers, institutions and small businesses represented by EnviroCentre have a significant interest in the activities of regulated utilities in Ontario due to the financial implications current and projected activities have on them given the increasing role played by utility costs in their budgets.

## **Issues to be Addressed**

EnviroCentre expects to focus on the following issues:

- a. The appropriateness of the programs proposed in the light of the Applicant's CDM targets, including the balance of programs targeting various customer groups;
- b. The budgeted spending levels and components;
- c. In all other respects, identifying and defending fair and reasonable electricity rates for existing and future consumers in the proceeding.

## **Intended Participation**

EnviroCentre intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, including interrogatories or technical conferences, and settlement conferences. EnviroCentre also

intends to participate in any oral hearing of this matter, and in written or oral submissions, as well as any other parts of the process that the Board should order.

### **Nature of Hearing Requested**

Until interrogatories have been answered, we believe it is premature to assess whether a written or an oral hearing is more appropriate in this proceeding.

### **Representatives**

EnviroCentre requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board by each party to this proceeding be served on the Applicant, and on the Applicant's expert, as follows:

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### **Costs**

EnviroCentre intends to apply for recovery of its costs reasonably incurred in the course of its intervention in this matter. EnviroCentre is eligible for a cost award because it "primarily represents the interests of consumers (e.g. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services" in Ontario. Residential, institutional and small commercial businesses are one of the largest groups of non-industrial energy consumers in the province, and their energy costs have a direct impact on their budgets and bottom lines.

Yours truly,

Dr. Dana Silk  
General Manager

cc: Regulatory Affairs, HONI