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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 M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

Notice of Intervention: EB-2010-0279

### Ontario Power Authority – Review of Proposed Fiscal 2011 Expenditure, Revenue Requirement, and Fees Submission

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.

Yours truly,

Michael Buonaguro Counsel for VECC Encl. cc: Miriam Heinz Fred Cass

#### EB-2010-0279

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** sections 25.20 and 25.21 of the *Electricity Act, 1998*;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** a Submission by the Ontario Power Authority to the Ontario Energy Board for the review of its proposed expenditure and revenue requirements and the fees which it proposes to charge for the year 2011.

#### NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

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#### VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION (VECC)

- To: Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary
- And to: Ontario Power Authority Attn: Ms. Miriam Heinz Regulatory Coordinator
- 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-oops. 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 M5B 1L2

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:

660 Briar Hill Avenue, Suite 207 Toronto, ON M6B 4B7

4. The name and address of the agent authorized to receive documents on

behalf of VECC is:

Mr. Michael Buonaguro Counsel c/o Public Interest Advocacy Centre 34 King Street East, Suite 1102 Toronto, Ontario M5C 2X8 (416) 767-1666 (office) (416) 348-0641 (fax) mbuonaguro@piac.ca  VECC requests that all correspondence and documentation also be copied to VECC's consultant:

> Mr. James Wightman Econalysis Consulting Services 34 King Street East, Suite 1102 Toronto, Ontario M5C 2X8 (416) 348-0640 (office) (416) 348-0641 (fax) jwightman@econalysis.ca

- VECC requests that copies of the Application and any additional supporting materials be forwarded to each of the two parties named above.
- 7. VECC actively participated in the OPA's 2008 and 2010 expenditure and revenue requirement review proceedings and has participated and continues to participate in distribution and transmission applications that are impacted by the decisions, policies, and activities of the OPA. In addition, VECC actively participated in the IPSP proceeding.
- 8. The OPA's 2011 fees, as approved, will represent a component of customers' overall 2010 electricity bills and there will continue to be increased investment related to the *Green Energy and Green Economy* Act, specifically with respect to the FIT Program.
- 9. VECC is intervening to ensure that consumer interests and in particular the interests of low-income and vulnerable users of electricity are fully

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represented in this proceeding for 2011 expenditures, revenue requirement, and fees.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2010

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