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**BY RESS & COURIER** 

Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 26th Floor, P.O. Box 2319 TORONTO, ON M4P 1E4

## Re: EB-2011-0004 Festival Hydro Inc. request for Participation on the Smart Grid Working Group

Dear Ms. Walli,

Festival Hydro would like to nominate Jac Vanderbaan, P.Eng. CMA, Vice-President of Engineering & Operations for participation on your Smart Grid Working Group. Jac has over twenty years of utility experience and is registered as both a Professional Engineer and a Certified Management Accountant in the Province of Ontario.

Jac has been instrumental in the selection and installation of distribution automation and smart meters in our distribution territory, and is our primary resource for ensuring effective and timely connection of FIT and microFIT renewable generation projects. Jac has gained significant knowledge with his participation in both distribution automation and smart meters and the importance of effective and secure communication required to communicate with them. He is recognized within the Ontario LDC sector as an effective presenter on distribution automation / smart grid projects from both a technical and regulatory point of view, and has been invited to speak at previous MEARIE EDIST conferences and several EDA events. Jac has been active on the EDA Niagara Grand District Executive, serving as District Chair for the past four years and is slated to begin a two year term as the Niagara Grand District Director on the EDA Board starting in March. Jac's vast utility knowledge and experience would be an asset to your SGWG committee.

If you have any questions please contact me at the number noted below or by email at bzehr@festivalhydro.com.

Yours truly, **Festival Hydro Inc.** 

Original signed by W. Zehr

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