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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: <u>TransCanada Power Transmission LP Transmission License Application</u>

The Independent Electricity System Operator (the "IESO") is writing to request that the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") elevate the IESO's status in the above-captioned proceeding to that of intervenor for the purpose of participating in the hearing of this matter.

On December 20, 2010, the IESO filed its initial comments with the Board regarding TransCanada Power Transmission LP ("TransCanada") request for a transmission license (EB-2010-0324). At that time, the IESO indicated that it was interest in all aspects of the application and proceeding; however, the IESO's initial comments would be confined to TransCanada's request for an exemption from Sections 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 of the Board's Affiliate Relationships Code. There are other important issues (e.g., clarification regarding the scope of the requested transmission license) and potential adverse implications arising from the application that it would appear were not specifically raised by other participants in the proceeding thus far, and that the IESO believes the Board will also need to examine because not doing so may have materially adverse consequences going forward. Accordingly, the IESO respectfully request that the Board approves its request for late intervenor status to enable the IESO to participate in the hearing of this matter and to make written submissions in this regard.

The IESO wishes to receive copies of all evidence filed by the applicant and interveners. The IESO asks that copies of all filed materials be sent to the IESO at the mailing address or email set out below.

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The IESO will not be seeking an award of costs for its intervention in the proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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