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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge St., 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: LIEN Request for Oral Hearing
Board File No. EB-2010-0279 Ontario Power Authority Proposed Fiscal 2011
Expenditure and Revenue Requirement**

We are counsel for the Low Income Energy Network (LIEN) in this matter. We request that the Board hold an oral hearing before exercising its powers under *Electricity Act* section 25.21 as it is permitted to do under subsection 25.21(5) for the above noted matter.

We reviewed the letters from Mr. Poch and Mr. Brett and agree with their reasons for a hearing to address the unresolved issues. LIEN adds a further reason from the low-income customer's perspective.

By way of letter to LIEN dated March 28, 2011, the OPA confirmed that the OPA-Contracted Province-Wide Low-Income Single Family Homes Program ("Low Income Program") is scheduled to launch in May 2011. We do not know how or whether this new information impacts the proposed 2011 revenue requirement prepared and filed by OPA on November 2, 2010 or OPA responses to LIEN's Interrogatories of January 25, 2011. Presumably, there is now more certainty around the expenditure and revenue requirement for administration of the Low Income Program, and activities related to it for 2011.

Given the timing of this new information, LIEN submits that the most efficient and effective way to elicit evidence and examine the matters on the Issues List is through an oral hearing.

Yours truly,



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