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Ontario Energy Board
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Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2010-0279 --- Ontario Power Authority ---Request for Oral Hearing

We are counsel to the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"). SEC has received copies of correspondence from a number of parties in this proceeding requesting an oral hearing. We support those requests.

One of the issues of interest to SEC, one that affects our ability to make a determination on the reasonable and appropriateness of OPA's administrative fees, is that of transparency of OPA's internal decision-making. SEC submits that it would be very difficult for the Board and parties to evaluate the pre-filed evidence on this issue in the absence of an oral hearing. Additionally, the need for an oral hearing is reinforced by expert evidence to be led by HQEM and GEC, challenging the pre-filed evidence led by OPA.

Yours truly,
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