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**VIA EMAIL and RESS**

To: All EB-2010-0297 Interested Parties (by email)

Re: **Ontario Power Authority  
2011 Revenue Requirement Submission  
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2010-0279**

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As you know, Procedural Order No. 5 issued by the Ontario Energy Board in respect of the Ontario Power Authority's 2011 Revenue Requirement Submission indicates the Board's expectation that the OPA will work with Board Staff and parties to establish a "detailed and effective" hearing schedule. The Procedural Order states that parties are encouraged to define their specific areas of interest "with as much particularity as is reasonably possible".

The letters written to the Board by parties supporting the request for an oral hearing have noted certain specific issues that must be included in the hearing schedule (such as Issue 7.2 relating to the OPA's proposal to recover fees from export customers). However, no issues have been raised by any party with respect to Strategic Objective 4 (Heading 4.0 in the Issues List), Efficiency Metrics (Heading 6.0 in the Issues List), registration fees (Issue 7.3 in the Issues List) and Feed-in Tariff application fees (Issue 7.4 in the Issues List). As well, it is unclear to what extent the OPA must plan for witnesses to address issues with respect to Strategic Objective 1 (Heading 1.0 in the Issues List) and Previous Settlement Agreements and Decisions (Heading 9.0 in the Issues List). The only indication of any issues with respect to Strategic Objective 3 (Heading 3.0 in the Issues List) and Strategic Objective 5 (Heading 5.0 in the Issues List) is the statement by the Consumers Council of Canada that its primary areas of interest include supply procurement and communications. These and other issues referred to by intervenors (for example, "transparency of the OPA's decision-making") have been described in such a general manner that the OPA simply does not have enough information to identify appropriate witnesses to respond to relevant questions.

The OPA therefore requests that all parties intending to participate actively in the oral hearing of this matter "define with as much particularity as is reasonably possible their specific areas of interest", by April 18, 2011.

Should there remain subject areas from the Issues List in respect of which no issues have been particularized, the OPA will assume that witnesses in these subject areas will not be needed and that any issues in these areas can be addressed in final arguments.

We look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martha McOuat', with a stylized, cursive script.

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