



wescast industries inc.

Ms Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, ON, M4P 1E4

Jan 28, 2008

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Application by Hydro One Networks – 2008 Electricity Distribution  
Rates Application (EB-2007-0681)**

Wescast Industries Inc. is the world's leading supplier of cast iron exhaust manifolds for passenger cars and light trucks. The Company designs, casts, machines and assembles iron exhaust system components for automotive original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs") and Tier 1 customers for the car and light truck markets in North America, Europe and Asia. The Company employs approximately 1,900 people in 7 production facilities and 5 sales and design centres in Canada, Hungary, the United States, Germany, Japan and China. A majority of our manufacturing facilities are located in Ontario including our two largest foundries which consume a significant amount of electricity and are serviced from the HONI distribution system. These two facilities are considered to be some of the largest users in the "large Industrial" classification serviced by HONI distribution system.

Request for Intervenor Status

I am writing Pursuant to the Board's Notice of Application that the Board grant Wescast Industries intervenor status in this Application.

Our interest in this application is tied to the fragile economic situation of not only our particular company but the whole automotive parts industry. Wescast has lost business to other low cost jurisdictions in the world which has forced us to close facilities and lay off hundreds of people in Ontario. Continued pressure from our customers will mean erosion of our North American market share and lead to further cost cutting measures. The present application relates to one of our largest purchases, the supply and reliable delivery of electricity.

### **Costs**

We are requesting that the Board confirm Wescast's eligibility for an award of costs in this matter. At this time, it is not known if we will incur any significant eligible costs.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust this letter will suffice for the Board to grant intervenor status to Wescast Industries, and to confirm Wescast's eligibility for a cost award. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely yours,

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