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BY EMAIL AND VIA COURIER

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

Dear Sirs/Madam:

RE: Notice of Application and Hearing by Canadian Distributed Antenna Systems Coalition ("CANDAS") OEB File No. EB-2011-0120

We are counsel to the Electricity Distributors Association ("EDA"). The EDA hereby requests intervener status in the proceeding.

The EDA is an association representing Ontario's licensed electricity distributors. Amongst other things, it is the voice of the electricity distribution industry in regulatory proceedings. The EDA frequently represents distributors in proceedings before this Board. Importantly, the EDA represented distributors in Ontario Energy Board Proceeding RP-2003-0249. It is the Board's decision in that proceeding which CANDAS seeks to enforce in this application.

The within application directly affects the interests of all of Ontario's electricity distributors. While certain distributors may determine to intervene on their own behalf, the EDA believes that the Board and all participants in this proceeding will be assisted if the interests of the other distributors are represented with one voice.

The EDA intends to seek costs in this proceeding. The EDA is not ineligible for a cost award and the interests of distributors are directly implicated in this proceeding. This is an application by entities who are not stakeholders in the electricity sector seeking to access assets funded by ratepayers. Distributors will be representing the interests of ratepayers in this proceeding and it

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is appropriate for the applicant to pay the EDA's costs. In addition, the EDA's intervention will be of assistance, and result in a cost savings, to all parties.

If, as this Board ordered, the Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario was ruled eligible for a cost award in EB-2010-0038, the EDA must equally be eligible for a cost award in this proceeding.

Please direct all further correspondence in this matter to me at <u>amark@ogilvyrenault.com</u> and to the EDA Vice-President Policy and Government Affairs, Teresa Sarkesian at <u>tsarkesian@eda-on.ca</u> and to the EDA Policy Director, Distribution and Regulation, Maurice Tucci at <u>mtucci@eda-on.ca</u>.

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