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The Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Board Secretary

Re: OEB File EB-211-0120

We are writing on behalf of the Canadian Electricity Association (“CEA”) to register CEA as an Intervener in the above noted proceeding.

Founded in 1891, CEA is the national forum and voice of the electricity business in Canada. At the heart of CEA is a core of utility companies, including:

- AltaLink Management Ltd.
- ATCO Electric
- ATCO Power
- BC Hydro and Power Authority
- Capital Power Corporation
- City of Medicine Hat, Electric Utility
- Columbia Power Corporation
- Énergie renouvelable Brookfield
- ENMAX Corporation
- EPCOR
- FortisAlberta

- FortisBC
- Horizon Utilities Corporation
- Hydro One Inc.
- Hydro Ottawa Holding Inc.
- Hydro-Québec Distribution
- Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie
- Manitoba Hydro
- Maritime Electric Power Company
- New Brunswick Power Holding Corporation
- Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Naclor)
- Newfoundland Power. Inc.
- Northwest Territories Power Corporation
- Nova Scotia Power Inc.
- Oakville Hydro Corporation
- Ontario Power Generation
- Saint John Energy
- Saskatoon Light & Power
- SaskPower
- Toronto Hydro Corporation
- TransAlta
- TransCanada
- Yukon Energy Corporation

Over the past decade, one of CEA's key topics of interest has been the joint use of electricity support structures as between power utilities and telecommunications/broadcasting companies. For example, CEA has participated in both federal and provincial regulatory and legal proceedings with respect to the joint use of power poles, including the landmark decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in *Barrie Public Utilities v. Canadian Cable Television Association* and the Ontario Energy Board's ruling with respect to the joint use of power poles in Ontario. In light of the fact that telecommunications and broadcasting companies largely operate on a national basis and most of Canada's power utilities face the same issues as are the subject of the present proceeding, CEA has an interest in the evolving regulation of the interaction between the telecommunications/broadcasting and electric power utilities.

CEA has a substantial interest in the regulation of attachments to power support structures and intends to participate actively and responsibly in this proceeding by submitting evidence, argument or interrogatories, or by cross-examining a witness. This is what it did in the prior power pole joint use proceeding, to the benefit of the Board. CEA requests that it be served with copies of all evidence.

CEA's seeks its cost with respect to its intervention on the basis that it represents a public interest relevant to the Board's mandate. In this proceeding, CEA is seeking to bring to bear its national experience outside Ontario, despite it having among its members several Ontario utilities (CEA does not propose to represent the private interests of any of its members individually – they can participate separately in that regard if they decide to do so). It is in respect of the national context of this proceeding that CEA can add value to the Board and all participants.

The undersigned will act as the point of communication for CEA with respect to this matter.

Yours truly,

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