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VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge St.
Toronto, ON
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Board File No.: EB-2011-0120
Canadian Distributed Antenna Systems Coalition (CANDAS)**

Please find enclosed the Notice of Intervention of VECC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Counsel for the Applicant.

Yours truly,

Original signed

Michael Janigan
Counsel for the Applicant

Cc: Helen T. Newland, Counsel for Applicant

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sch.B,

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Canadian Distributed Antenna
Systems Coalition (CANDAS) for certain orders under the *Ontario Energy Board
Act, 1998*.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

OF

VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION (VECC)

To: Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

And to: Canadian Distributed Antenna Systems Coalition
Attention: Helen T. Newland, Counsel to the Applicant

1. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) hereby expresses its intention to intervene and participate in the above-mentioned proceeding. VECC consists of the following organizations:
 - (a) The Federation of Metro Tenants Association
 - (b) The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO)

2. The Federation of the Metro Tenants Association is a non-profit corporation composed of over ninety-two affiliated tenants associations, individual tenants, housing organizations, and members of non-profit housing co-ops. In addition to encouraging the organization of tenants and the promotion of decent and affordable housing, the Federation provides general information, advice, and assistance to tenants. The address is:

500-27 Carlton Street
Toronto, ON
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3. The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO) is a coalition of over 120 senior groups as well as individual members across Ontario. OCSCO represents the concerns of over 500,000 senior citizens through its group and individual members. OCSCO's mission is to improve the quality of life for Ontario's seniors. OCSCO's address is:

660 Briar Hill Avenue, Suite 207
Toronto, ON
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4. The name and address of the agent authorized to receive documents on behalf of VECC is:

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5. VECC is intervening in order to ensure that consumer interests and in particular the interests of the low-income and vulnerable users of energy and telecommunication are fully represented in the within proceeding.

Areas of interest to VECC are setout below:

- a) the access to the power poles of electricity distributors represents an important bottleneck and or essential service in the delivery of competitive wireless telecom services. VECC is concerned with the treatment of the same by electricity distributors and the OEB.
- b) VECC's constituency is increasingly opting for mobile wireless services as the basic service of telephony rather than traditional wireline. It is thus important that wireless telephony is competitive and provides the most efficient and affordable pricing.
- c) VECC is interested in the net impact of arrangements for power pole access on their ultimate distribution bill. VECC wishes to ensure that the best interests of their members as ratepayers are also protected.

6. VECC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that, as a coalition representing the direct interests of consumers, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its' Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03).

DATED AT TORONTO, THIS 24th DAY OF MAY 2011

