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BY E-MAIL

June 14, 2011

Mr. Chris Butler
Tribute Resources Inc.
309-E Commissioners Road West
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Dear Mr. Butler:

**Re: Tribute Resources Inc.
Application for Huron Bayfield Storage Project Development
Board File Nos. EB-2011-0076;EB-2011-0077;EB-2011-0078**

The Board confirms the following parties as registered intervenors in the above noted proceeding, subject to Tribute Resources Inc.'s ("Tribute") right to object within 14 calendar days from the issuance of this letter:

- 2195002 Ontario Inc.
- Howard and Judith Daniel
- Huron County Federation of Agriculture
- Mary Erb
- McKinley Farms Ltd.
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Municipality of Bluewater
- Stanley Bayfield Landowners Group
- TransCanada Pipelines Ltd.
- Union Gas Ltd.
- Zurich Landowners Association.

The Board has determined that the following parties, who applied for cost eligibility, are eligible to apply for an award of costs under its Practice Direction on Cost Awards:

- 2195002 Ontario Inc.
- Huron County Federation of Agriculture
- McKinley Farms Ltd.
- Stanley Bayfield Landowners Group
- Zurich Landowners Association.

This determination is subject to Tribute's right to object within 14 calendar days from the issuance of this letter.

The Municipality of Bluewater also requested cost eligibility and it was on the basis that it is "the municipal representative of the public interest and as a person with an interest in and affected by the process, pursuant to sections 3.03(b) and (c), respectively, of the Ontario Energy Board's practice direction on costs." Section 3.03 reads as follows:

A party in a Board process is eligible to apply for a cost award where the party:

- a) primarily represents the direct interests of consumers (e.g. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services;
- b) primarily represents a public interest relevant to the Board's mandate; or
- c) is a person with an interest in land that is affected by the process.

Although the Municipality of Bluewater represents its constituents, the Board does not agree that this constitutes a public interest which should be funded by ratepayers. To the extent that the Municipality of Bluewater has a direct interest in lands affected by the application, the use of municipal land is subject to various requirements which are largely within the control of the Municipality directly. The Board concludes that it would not be appropriate for ratepayers to fund the Municipality of Bluewater's participation in this application. The Municipality of Bluewater has access to funds through the collection of taxes, and the Board concludes that this constituent-based funding is the appropriate source of funds for participation in this proceeding.

The Practice Direction on Cost Awards and related forms are available on the Board's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca.

The Board confirms that the Mellville United Church is a registered observer in the above noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary