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February 6, 2008

Marita Morin
Secretary-Treasurer
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Dear Ms. Morin:

**Re: Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation, 2008 Distribution Rates Application
         Board File Number EB-2007-0755**

On January 31, 2008 the Board received a letter from Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (CPUC) where CPUC objected to the Board's granting of intervenor status to the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC). CPUC questioned whether the two organizations represented by VECC, the Federation of Metro Tenants Association and the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OSCO) were actually represented within the Town of Chapleau. CPUC also questioned the value added by VECC in this application and the cost of VECC's intervention.

The Board has considered CPUC's submissions and confirms VECC as an intervenor in this proceeding, as well as its cost eligibility status. In making this decision, the Board notes that VECC represents seniors across Ontario including seniors in the Town of Chapleau. In addition, as VECC is the only intervenor in this proceeding, the Board feels that it would helpful to the rate setting process to have a ratepayer group such as VECC as a participant.

The Board recognizes that the costs of an intervention can be relatively significant for a smaller utility such as CPUC. The Board will take these concerns into account when granting a cost award to VECC at the completion of this proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

cc: Peter Ioannou (Regulatory Compliance Services for the Chapleau)
        Michael Buonaguro, Counsel for VECC