



September 22, 2011

Mary Anne Aldred
General Counsel and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Aldred,

RE: Request for Observer Status

I am writing in regards to Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited's application and hearing for an electricity distribution rate change. I would like to request that the Toronto Board of Trade be granted observer status in these proceedings.

Founded in 1845, the Toronto Board of Trade is Canada's largest chamber of commerce, connecting more than 200,000 business professionals and influencers throughout the Toronto region. The Board of Trade fuels the economic, social and cultural vitality of the entire Toronto region by fostering powerful collaborations among business, government, thought leaders and community builders. The Board of Trade plays a vital role in elevating the quality of life and global competitiveness of Canada's largest urban centre.

Affordable and secure energy is a fundamental issue concerning Toronto region businesses, so the potential rate change directly affects the Toronto Board of Trade's 10,000 members. Furthermore, the reliability of our energy distribution and supply – particularly into Toronto's downtown – has been an ongoing focus of our organization.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Carol Wilding, FCA
President & CEO