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**BY EMAIL**

September 26, 2011

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: RES Canada Transmission LP  
Electricity Transmission Licence Application  
Board File Number EB-2011-0282**

Please find attached Board Staff Interrogatories for the above proceeding. Please forward the attached to the Applicant and all parties in this proceeding.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Irina Kuznetsova  
Case Manager

**Board Staff Interrogatories**

**Electricity Transmission Licence Application**

**RES Canada Transmission LP (“RES Canada”)**

**EB-2011-0282**

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1. Reference: Application Cover Letter, Page 1 and Application, Section 9.  
Technical Ability

In its application cover letter, RES Canada states that technical capabilities and expertise of transmission development personnel of its parent company, Renewable Energy Systems Limited, as well as their experience in developing, constructing and managing electricity transmission facilities will be available to RES Canada for the purpose of developing, constructing and operating reliable and cost-effective transmission facilities in Ontario. However, in Section 9 (b). Technical Ability, of the application form, RES Canada states that it intends to contract transmission activities with a qualified contractor which could, but not necessarily, be an affiliate of the applicant.

- Please provide reasons as to why, having such a highly experienced affiliate, RES Canada can potentially contract transmission activities with a company, other than its affiliate.
- Please describe a contractor selection process and criteria to be met by a contractor to be selected by RES Canada for:
  - Design and construction of transmission facilities;
  - Customer connection;
  - Operation and maintenance of high voltage transmission facilities.

2. Reference: Application, Section 7. Financial Information

In its decision granting a transmission licence to Chatham-Kent Transmission Inc. (EB-2010-0351), the Board indicated that in a licensing application, it would “review to some degree the applicant’s financial status [and] its potential for access to further financial resources”. Please describe RES Canada’s plans for financing any Ontario transmission facilities it may construct, including its potential for access to any necessary further financial resources.

3. In section D of its licence application, RES Canada confirmed the following:

“I understand and acknowledge that, as a licenced electricity transmitter, I will be required, unless otherwise exempted:

- To provide non-discriminatory access to all persons wishing to connect to the transmission system.
- To comply with all licence conditions including the provisions of:
  - The Ontario Energy Board Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters
  - The Ontario Energy Board Transmission System Code
  - The Market Rules made under section 32 of the Electricity Act.”

Absent an exemption, RES Canada must comply with the Board's *Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters* (“ARC”) (among others) effective as of the date on which a transmission licence is issued to it. Please confirm that RES Canada will satisfy the requirements of the ARC commencing on the date on which it is licensed. If not, please advise if RES Canada intends to seek an exemption from the ARC.