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Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Grimsby Power Incorporated

2011 Electricity Distribution Rate Application – Board File No. EB-2011-0273
Procedural Order No. 1 - Issued on September 21, 2011 and Procedural Order No. 2 – Issued on October 27, 2011

Grimsby Power Incorporated ("Grimsby Power") has reviewed the Board's schedule of proceedings with respect to its rate application. Grimsby Power has also been following the progress of both Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. ("Oshawa") and Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. ("Guelph") rate application processes.

The current schedule for Grimsby Power would involve the following dates:

- Questions or matters for the Technical Conference are to be filed on November 16, 2011;
- The Technical Conference is to be held on November 18, 2011; and
- The Settlement Conference is to be held on November 23, 2011.

In both the Oshawa and Guelph proceedings, required the applicant to respond to in excess of 100 questions before the Technical Conference. In Grimsby Power's case, the Board had originally provided for one week between the deadline for Technical Conference questions and the Technical Conference itself. With the revised schedule, there is only one business day between the above dates to prepare written responses in preparation for the Technical Conference. Because the Technical Conference questions are typically similar to interrogatories, even a one week period will be difficult to meet. It will simply not be possible to respond to the Technical Conference questions in one day. Grimsby Power respectfully requests that the Board revise the schedule to permit adequate time for preparation of responses to the Technical Questions, in order that a meaningful and efficient Technical Conference can be conducted.

Grimsby Power suggests that the Technical Conference be postponed until Nov 23, 2011, the date currently reserved for Grimsby Power's Settlement Conference. Grimsby Power's ability to prepare its response in time for the Technical Conference will depend on the number and complexity of the questions from Board staff and the Intervenors, but at this time, in advance of receipt of any of the questions, it appears reasonable to use the Settlement Conference date. The Settlement Conference and later elements in the timeline would then be rescheduled to later dates.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

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