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BY E-MAIL

November 28, 2011

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Dear Mr. Buonaguro:

Re: North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. ("North Bay") 2012 Incentive Regulation Mechanism Rate Application Board File Number EB-2011-0187 Notice of Intervention of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC")

The Board confirms VECC as an intervenor in the above noted proceeding, subject to North Bay's right of reply to your request within 14 calendar days from the filing of your notice of intervention.

The Board has determined that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (the "Practice Direction") in relation to North Bay's proposal for lost revenue adjustment mechanism ("LRAM") recovery and revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments. The Board expects that cost claims in relation to revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments will be made only for matters that go beyond the implementation of previous Board Decisions.

With respect to the disposition of account 1562, the Board will not consider cost awards at this time as the application as filed appears to have no material inconsistencies with the various decisions made in the course of the Combined PILS proceeding (EB-2008-0381) including the use of the updated models containing the Excel worksheet 'TAXREC 3' as used by Halton Hills Hydro Inc.

The Practice Direction and related forms are available on the Board's website at <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

cc: Melissa Wanner, Regulatory Manager, North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited