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Ontario Energy Board  
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**Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary**

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Gas IRM Applications – EB-2007-0606/615 – Tax as a Z Factor**

We are writing this letter on behalf of the School Energy Coalition to advise that SEC has retained an expert witness in the above matter, Dr. Walid Hejavi, a economist at the Rotman School of Management who has experience in monetary policy and inflation. We provided his CV to the Board by email on Friday.

As we advised the Board in our email on Friday, due to a combination of the difficulty in finding the right expert, and the delay in getting some of the IR responses from Dr. Lowry, Dr. Hejavi's evidence was not ready by the date it was due to be filed, March 7<sup>th</sup>. We met with Dr. Hejavi on Saturday, and we will meet with him again tomorrow to ensure that his draft evidence covers all aspects of the issues that the Board will need to see, all with a view to having his evidence finalized and filed before the end of this week.

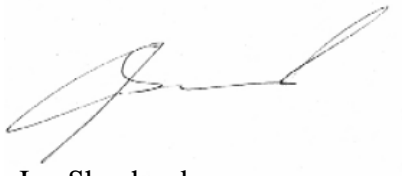
Under the circumstances, we therefore request that the Board extend the deadline for filing intervenor evidence relating to the tax issue to March 14, 2008. If it is possible to file it sooner, we will of course do so.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Yours very truly,  
**SHIBLEY RIGHTON LLP**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jay Shepherd', with a stylized, elongated horizontal stroke at the end.

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