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BY E-MAIL ONLY

January 5, 2012

Mr. Michael Buonaguro Counsel c/o Public Interest Advocacy Centre 34 King Street East, Suite 1102 Toronto, ON M5C 2X8

Dear Mr. Buonaguro:

Re: Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. ("Niagara Pen") 2012 Incentive Regulation Mechanism Rate Application Board File Number EB-2011-0185 Notice of Intervention of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC")

The Board confirms VECC as an intervenor in the above noted proceeding, subject to Niagara Pen'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 Niagara Pen's proposal for revenue-cost ratio adjustments.

With respect to the disposition of account 1562, no decision on cost awards is required as this issue will not be heard as part of this IRM application.

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