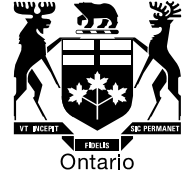


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Dear Mr. Buonaguro:

**Re: Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. ("Welland")
2012 Smart Meter Cost Recovery Application
Board File Number EB-2011-0415
Notice of Intervention of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
("VECC")**

The Board confirms VECC as an intervenor in the above noted proceeding. 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").

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

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

John Pickernell
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cc: Mr. Wayne Armstrong, Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.
Ms. Shelly Grice, Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition