

March 5, 2012

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

Re: East-West Tie Line AMPCO Request for Intervenor Status Board File No. EB-2011-0140

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am writing pursuant to the Board's Notice of Participation dated February 2, 2012 regarding the above proceeding to request intervenor status.

## **AMPCO's Interest**

AMPCO is a not-for-profit consumer interest advocacy organization. AMPCO's members represent Ontario's major industries: forestry, chemical, mining and minerals, steel, petroleum products, cement, automotive and manufacturing and business consumers in general. AMPCO members are major investors, major employers and a major part of communities in which we operate, across Ontario.

AMPCO and its member companies are well known to the Board. AMPCO participates in many proceedings, working groups, consultations and initiatives of the Ontario Energy Board in which matters relevant to Ontario's large electricity consumers are being addressed.

AMPCO's interest in the Board's regulation of local distribution and transmission companies relates generally to the interests of consumers with respect to price, adequacy, reliability and quality of electricity service, and, more particularly, to how costs are allocated to, and rates are designed to recover costs from, industrial customers.

In the current application, we are also interested in the application of the Board's policy entitled "Framework for Transmission Project Development Plans" (August 26, 2010) in the designation process to ensure transparency and fairness in the selection of the most qualified and cost-effective transmission company to develop the East-West Tie.

## Costs

We respectfully request that the Board please confirm AMPCO's eligibility for an award of costs in this matter. AMPCO has been granted intervenor cost awards in other OEB proceedings.

## Notice

Please serve all correspondence pertaining to this proceeding to AMPCO and its consultant as follows:

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I trust this letter will suffice for the Board to grant intervenor status to AMPCO, and to confirm AMPCO's eligibility for a cost award. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIGINAL SIGNED BY)

Adam White President Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario