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Ontario Energy Board ,
P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor,
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Attention: Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

RE: EB-2011-0140 Transmission Infrastructure East–West Tie-Line

Dear Ms. Walli,

We hereby apply for intervenor status in the above referenced proceeding. We do not object to a written hearing and are not applying for costs unless travel were to become necessary in this matter.

LSARC is a grass roots organization with members from Sault Ste Marie to Thunder Bay who wish to conserve the wilderness and ecological values of the shores of Lake Superior and oppose the inappropriate, and needless, industrialization of this wilderness which not only damages the environment but negatively impacts the tourism upon which 17% of area employment depends.

LSARC is concerned that this proposed E-W tie-line is prompted solely by the Provincial Government's mis-management of the energy sector and is driven by the inadvisable closing of the Northwest's two coal fired generators as well as the desire to allow exploitation of the area by Wind Power developers. The Ontario Auditor General's Report 2011 detailed the extent to which the undemocratic Green Energy and Economy Act deprives communities of their right to decide upon renewable energy developments, and the economically and financially destructive implementation of the Government of Ontario's renewable energy policies, including FIT subsidies, which destroys jobs in Ontario and results in much higher electricity prices for consumers while providing less quality and reliability.

We are of the opinion that the cost-benefit analysis which has been conducted on this project contains errors and is based on unproven assumptions and wish to ascertain that this tie line is, in fact, in the best interests of consumers with respect to prices, reliability and quality of electricity service.

Two copies of this letter have been mailed, as required, to your attention.

Sincerely,

George Browne
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