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BY E-MAIL

March 20, 2012

Halton Hills Hydro Inc
Energy Probe Research Foundation
School Energy Coalition

Re: Request for Confidential Treatment of a Report on Line Clearance and Tree Trimming [EB-2011-0271]

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. ("Halton Hills") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 26, 2011 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Halton Hills charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012.

In the above noted application, Halton Hills requested that certain information filed on March 12, 2012, namely a report Halton Hills commissioned for the purposes of planning and developing its line clearance and tree trimming program (the "Report") be kept confidential, as the document contains projected financial costs and timelines that could significantly interfere with Halton Hills' contractual or other negotiations pertaining to the proposed work.

In accordance with section 5.1.11 of the Board's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, the Board must notify all parties of its decision in relation to a request for confidentiality. The Board has determined that the Report should be treated as confidential.

The Board received executed Declaration and Undertaking forms from S School Energy Coalition ("SEC") and Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"). Halton Hills has indicated it does not object to providing the Report to Energy Probe and/or SEC. The Board directs Halton Hills to provide copies of the unredacted confidential information to Energy Probe and SEC. The Board reminds parties that execution of the Declaration and Undertaking is a condition of an Order of the Board.

The Board also reminds parties that where possible, parties shall frame cross examination questions related to the confidential material in a manner that will allow the

questions and responses to be placed on the public record. Further, parties shall frame submissions related to the confidential material in a manner that will allow the submissions to be placed on the public record.

If parties are not able to frame submissions in a manner that allows them to be placed on the public record, those submissions must be marked confidential.

Lastly, parties in receipt of confidential information shall either return the subject information to the Board and communicate to the Applicant that they have done so, or destroy the information and execute a Certificate of Destruction, following the closing of the record to this proceeding. The Certificate must be filed with the Board and a copy sent to Halton Hills.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

John Pickernell
Assistant Board Secretary

cc. VECC
Richard King