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VIA MAIL & E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge St. Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

RP-2007-0681

Hydro One Networks Inc. – 2008 Electricity Distribution Rate

**Application** 

Further to the Board's request for submissions on the applicant's request that rates be made interim effective May 1, 2008, please be advised that VECC does not oppose such an order, with the proviso that such order is without prejudice to the Board's determination with respect to the effective date of the Board's Rate Order in this proceeding.

By way of example, the mere fact that the applicant's rates are made interim effective May 1, 2008 should not be considered as a factor in the Board's determination as to whether the applicant should be entitled to recover any rate deficiency associated with the period between May 1, 2008 and the date of the final rate order. The interim rate order should only be considered as a mechanism available to the Board to preserve its ability to, in its final decision after hearing all the evidence, choose an effective date for the final rate order as early as May 1, 2008 if it deems it appropriate to do so.

Yours truly,

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