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VIA Email and RESS

Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2701
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: AltaLink Ontario L.P. (“AltaLink”)
Phase 1 Reply Submissions in the East-West Tie Line
Designation Proceeding
OEB File No.: EB-2011-0140**

Procedural Order No. 2 directs that any party who wishes to file a reply to the submissions filed yesterday and this morning on the issues in phase 1 of this proceeding shall do so by Wednesday May 16, 2012.

AltaLink respectfully requests an extension to the date by which it must file its reply submissions to Friday May 25, 2012. The reasons for this extension request are as follows.

Commencing this weekend until May 16, Mr. Vellone and I will be attending the Fifth World Forum on Energy Regulation. Immediately thereafter my client and I are both participants in the Sixth Annual Canadian Energy Law Forum until May 18. Both of these events will be held in Quebec. The weekend that follows includes the Victoria Day Holiday.

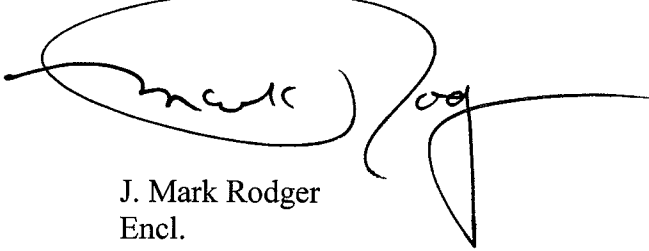
Further, by letter dated May 4, 2012, the Ontario Power Authority advised the Board that it will make its best efforts to file a record of its Aboriginal consultation activities to date by May 11. AltaLink will need adequate time to review and consider this new information which may form part of its reply submissions on phase 1 issues.

Given the number of detailed submissions on phase 1 issues we have received to date, the new OPA materials to be received by the end of this week, and the pre-existing commitments in Quebec to occur all next week, we request an extension to May 25 to ensure that appropriate time is available to adequately consider all these materials in order to complete our reply submissions, which AltaLink considers to be a critical step in this stage of the Board’s process.

We very much appreciate the Board's consideration of this matter.

Yours very truly,

BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Mark Rodger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "M".

J. Mark Rodger
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copy to: Steve Hodgkinson, AltaLink Ontario, L.P.
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