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**BY E-MAIL**

May 23, 2012

Donald R. Rennick  
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Dear Mr. Rennick:

**Re: North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. 2012 Electricity Distribution Rates  
Board File No. EB-2011-0187**

The Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") is in receipt of your emails dated April 27, 2012 and April 30, 2012 in which you have expressed concerns that you have not received responses to two matters which you raised in your submission with respect to the North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. ("North Bay Hydro") Draft Rate Order.

As indicated in the Board's April 4, 2012 Decision, North Bay is one of the many electricity distributors the Board regulates that was to have its rates adjusted for 2012 on the basis of the IRM process. The IRM process provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates and charges between cost of service applications. Regulatory policy, ratemaking principles, and the Board's 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation model have been determined after extensive consultations and are not revisited in individual applications. The Board indicated this in its letter to you dated January 5, 2012.

The Board also indicated in its decision that while it considers the entire record in this proceeding, it only made reference to such evidence as is necessary that is within scope of the proceeding and to provide context to its findings.

Once an applicant has filed its final reply submission, the Board considers the evidentiary record to be closed. The purpose of submissions with respect to draft rate

orders is to allow intervenors to comment on whether or not the draft rate order accurately reflects the Board's Decision on the application and not to revisit the decision itself. The revised models referred to in the Board's decision were to ensure that rates reflect the Board's findings. Comments from Board staff and intervenors on the revised models are therefore limited to whether the calculations reflect the Board's determinations and not to revisit the Decision itself.

Please note that as a party to the proceeding you may bring a motion to review and vary a decision in accordance with the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, sections 42-45. A copy of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* can be found on our website.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

John Pickernell  
Assistant Board Secretary