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**BY E-MAIL ONLY** 

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Mr. David Timm CanWEA 170 Laurier Ave. W. Suite 810 Ottawa ON K1P 5V5

Dear Mr. Timm:

## Re: Hydro One Networks Inc.'s Application for an Interim Exemption from Certain Requirements of the Distribution System Code Board File Number EB-2007-0930 Notice of Intervention of the Canadian Wind Energy Association

The Board confirms the Canadian Wind Energy Association ("CanWEA") as an intervenor in the above noted proceeding.

CanWEA has applied for cost award eligibility. CanWEA's letter of intervention indicates that some of its members may be generators. Generators, and groups of generators, are explicitly excluded from eligibility for costs under section 3.05 of the Practice Direction. Under section 3.06, the Board may, in special circumstances, find an otherwise ineligible party eligible for costs. The issue is whether there are special circumstances in the current case which would warrant a departure from the specific exclusion in the Practice Direction.

The Board finds that there are such special circumstances.

This proceeding is in relation to a request by Hydro One for exemptions from certain sections of the Distribution System Code, namely to be exempt from required timelines in connection process for certain generation facilities. Given the impact that the Board's decision in this proceeding may have on prospective generators and given the unique perspective that these generators will bring to this proceeding, the Board will allow CanWEA to be eligible for cost awards in this proceeding.

CanWEA is reminded that eligibility for a cost award does not mean that the cost award will cover all of an eligible intervenor's costs of participation in the proceeding. Recovery of 100% of its costs should not be assumed. Section 5 of the Practice Direction sets out some of the factors the Board may consider in determining the amount of costs awarded to a party.

As it has done in the past, the Board will require co-operation among parties with similar interests and will consider any lack of co-operation when determining the amount of a cost award. The Board notes that OSEA is also an intervenor in this proceeding and will be eligible for cost awards for the same reasons as CanWEA. The Board expects that CanWEA and OSEA will make every effort to communicate and co-ordinate their interventions in order to avoid duplication.

The Practice Direction and related forms are available on the Board's website at <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca</u>.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

cc: Glen MacDonald, Hydro One Networks