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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: <u>EB-2012-0100 and EB-2012-0211 – Smart Metering Charge</u>

The Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO"), as the Smart Metering Entity ("SME"), has reviewed the Notices of Intervention received in response to its Notice of Application and requests further information from AMPCO with respect to its interests in these proceedings and the rationale for its request that its costs to be covered.

AMPCO's constituents are large industrial consumers which are directly connected to the IESO controlled grid and pay the wholesale market price. AMPCO's constituents are not distribution connected customers and are therefore not exposed to the Smart Meter Charge. Further, while AMPCO may take an interest in the activities and expenditures of the IESO, the SME is a separate entity whose costs are kept separate and distinct from those of the IESO.

The IESO has been advised by AMPCO that it has interests related to this proceeding, however the IESO believes AMPCO's interests are outside of the scope of this proceeding. The IESO submits that AMPCO's interests may be more appropriately addressed in a different venue with interested parties.

In the alternative, should the OEB determine that AMPCO's interests are within the scope of these proceedings, the IESO submits that any costs that are incurred by AMPCO be proportioned in a manner that reflects its narrow and specific interest.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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