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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Independent Electricity System Operator - Smart Metering Charge 2012-2017
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We are counsel to the Electricity Distributors Association (“EDA”) and write this letter on their behalf. The EDA represents the interests of 75 publicly and privately owned local distribution companies (“LDCs”) in Ontario, and provides members with advocacy and representation in the legislative and regulatory environment and the electricity market in Ontario.

By way of Procedural Order No. 1 (dated June 22, 2012), the Board requested submissions on the following issue (the “Preliminary Issue”):

Given section 5.4.1 of the DSC and section 3.2 of ES-2007-0750, what is the scope of the Board’s approval of an agreement between the SME and Distributors?

Specifically, the Board ordered intervenors to file any submissions on the Preliminary Issue on or before July 6, 2012, and the IESO (in its capacity as the SME) to file a reply submission with the Board on or before July 13, 2012. The EDA formally requests that it be allowed to file its submissions on the Preliminary Issue on the same date as the IESO (July 13, 2012). We have conferred with the IESO and it does not object to this request.

Unlike other intervenors in this proceeding, LDCs – as parties to the “SME/LDC Agreement” – will be directly affected by the Board’s ruling on this Preliminary Issue. Among other things, the proposed SME/LDC Agreement sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the SME and pertinent distributor in administering the MDM/R and the smart metering charge. Whatever the Board decides as to the scope of its approval will thus have a direct influence on the rights and obligations of the EDA in the proposed SME/LDC Agreement. Because the EDA’s members will be a party to the SME Agreement with the IESO, we believe it is important to also have the benefit of intervenor submissions before replying

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For the reasons mentioned above, the EDA requests that the Board allow the EDA and its members to file reply submissions on the Preliminary Issue by July 13, 2012.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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