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VIA E-MAIL

October 30, 2012

To: Ms. Joan Huzar
Past President and Chair, Energy Committee
Consumer Council of Canada
201-1920 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms. Huzar,

**Re: Renewed Regulatory Framework
Invitation to Participate on Working Group
Board File Nos.: EB-2010-0377, EB-2010-0378, EB-2010-0379, EB-2011-0043
and EB-2011-0004**

On October 18, 2012, the Board issued its “Report of the Board: A Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors: A Performance Based Approach.” A copy of the Report is available on the Board’s website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca.

In the cover letter for its Report (the “October 18th Letter”), the Board announced that work will now commence on implementation of the Renewed Regulatory Framework. Specifically, it was noted that three new stakeholder working groups would be established to provide Board staff with expert assistance, and to review and advise staff on proposals regarding the implementation matters identified in Chapters 3 and 4 of the Board’s Report, and that the Smart Grid working group would be reconvened. The October 18th Letter also stated that stakeholder members of the new working groups would be selected by the Board.

The purpose of this letter is to invite your organization to participate on the Regional Infrastructure Planning Process, Distribution Network Investment Planning and Performance, Benchmarking, and Rate Adjustment Indices working groups. Specifically, Board staff has recommended Ms. Julie Girvan, who has represented your organization in the Board’s consultations to date.

The Board hopes that your organization accepts this invitation and asks that you confirm your participation on the Regional Infrastructure Planning Process, Distribution Network Investment Planning and Performance, Benchmarking, and Rate Adjustment Indices working groups in writing as soon as practicable. In the circumstances, the Board considers it expedient to waive the requirement for your organization to submit a

new request for cost award eligibility. The Board has determined that your organization is eligible for an award of costs, and further that it is also appropriate in the circumstances to waive the process for objections that would otherwise normally apply. Your cost eligibility status extends to your participation on the Regional Infrastructure Planning Process, Distribution Network Investment Planning and Performance, Benchmarking, and Rate Adjustment Indices working groups and to any other eligible activities identified in the Board's October 18th Letter in which your organization may wish to participate, to the maximum number of hours set out in the October 18th Letter or, where applicable, as later determined by the Board.

As noted in the Board's October 18th Letter, it is expected that the working group meetings will be scheduled over the November 2012 through February 2013 period.

The Board looks forward to your on-going participation in this important initiative. The next step in this consultation process is the Webcast scheduled for the morning of October 31, 2012. A tentative timeline for the remainder of the process is set out in the Board's October 18th Letter. Following the webcast, further details regarding working group activities and timelines will be provided.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

cc Julie Girvan