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ATTN: Regional Infrastructure Planning - Working Group

Re: Board File Number: EB-2011-0043

The Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) is pleased to provide the comments below on the Regional Infrastructure Planning - Working Group Draft Report to the Board *The Process for Regional Infrastructure Planning in Ontario* dated February 5, 2013 and Appendix 1: *Detailed Description - Regional Planning Process*.

1. All references to the “bulk power system” in the Report and associated Appendices should reflect the new North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Bulk Electricity System (BES) definition. Specifically, the Report mentions the “bulk power system”, as including 500 and 230 kV transmission, but that now also includes parts of the 115 kV system.
2. Appendix 1: We recommend including among the possible Planning Triggers the enactment of new or modified reliability standards (such as the new NERC BES definition).
3. Appendix 5 should be updated to refer to BES along with ORTAC requirements.

All further correspondence regarding Board File Number: EB-2011-0043 can be directed to:

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If you have any questions about these comments, I can be reached at 905-855-6481 or via email david.barrett@ieso.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'David Barrett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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