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Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Written Comments on Behalf of the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
Proposal to Amend the License of the Ontario Power Authority
Board File Number: EB-2013-0192**

In response to the Procedural Order No. 1, please find enclosed the written comments filed on behalf of the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) in the above-noted proceeding.

A hard copy has been sent by courier to the Board.

Yours truly,

Cherie Brant

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cc: Mr. Kristopher Stevens, Executive Director, OSEA

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Submission by the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association to the Ontario Energy Board's Consultation Proposal to Amend the License of the Ontario Power Authority

OSEA'S POSITION

The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association ("OSEA") promotes the vision of sustainable energy development. OSEA promotes the view that every Ontarian can be a conserver and generator of sustainable energy within their own backyard.

OSEA advances a vision of small scale and local community based power generation among other sustainable energy practices. OSEA promotes the combination of conservation and generation with the goal of creating a sustainable energy future for Ontario.

To OSEA, sustainable energy is

the effective and efficient production and use of energy from various distributed sources matched in scale and quality to the end use. Proponents of sustainable energy recognize that energy is a means to an end, not an end itself. Sustainable energy is about producing and using energy in a way that meets our needs and improves the quality of our lives while also ensuring that the ecological system that sustains us, our economy and society is healthy and capable of supporting future generations at a similar level long into the future.

Sustainable energy includes conservation, energy efficiency, demand management, smart buildings, thermal and electrical storage, smart-grids, district energy networks, combined heat and power, waste energy capture and renewable heat and electricity from biomass, wind, water geothermal and solar energy.

OSEA COMMENTS

OSEA asserts that the amendments to the Ontario Power Authority's ("OPA") licence should reflect the role of conservation, local generation from renewable sources and stakeholder engagement.

OSEA understands that setting out the stakeholder engagement process is occurring in a separate process. However, the requirement for stakeholder engagement should be a clear requirement and stated in the license. OSEA does not seek to set out how stakeholder engagement should occur or the degree of that involvement in this proceeding.

In addition, OSEA submits that OPA's licence should clearly indicate that alternatives should be considered (in a priority order with conservation first), and that the intent is to develop the least cost options first.

Energy planning will play an important role as Ontario's economy continues to evolve and new sources of energy are utilized. OSEA understands that the IPSP process will no longer exist in the future. Given the continued importance of power planning, OSEA asserts that integrated regional plans should be mandatory.