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BY MAIL and EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Warren:

Re: NERC Reliability Standard CIP-004-3a

This letter is in response to your letter of August 8, 2013 and supporting material regarding the above-referenced matter. Your letter describes the circumstances surrounding the late posting by the IESO of North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") reliability standard CIP-004-3a pertaining to cyber security. The reliability standard was the subject of a NERC petition that was approved by order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in December 2012, and is already in force in the United States.

The reliability standard was posted by the IESO on July 19, 2013. The period within which an application for review of the reliability standard may be filed with the Board under section 36.2(3) of the *Electricity Act, 1998* has now lapsed. Your letter suggests that a determination by the Board that it will not review the reliability standard will enable the reliability standard to become enforceable in Ontario, with no risk to Ontario reliability and no undue burden on Ontario entities.

Please be advised that the Board has determined that it will not initiate a review of reliability standard CIP-004-3a on its own motion.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Laurie Reid at Laurie.Reid@ontarioenergyboard.ca or at 416-440-7623. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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