

December 3, 2013

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
P.O. Box 2319  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2013-0174 - Veridian Connections Inc. - 2014 Rate Application**

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada ("Council"). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the Application of Veridian Connections Inc. ("Veridian") for approval of rates effective May 1, 2014.

The Council is a public interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers of electricity and natural gas in Ontario. The outcome of this proceeding will ultimately impact the rates that Veridian's residential customers will pay for electricity distribution service.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many of the Ontario Energy Board's electricity distribution rate applications and policy consultation processes over a long period of time. In all of those proceedings the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all Board Notices and hard copies of the Applicant's evidence should be sent to me, at 62 Hillside Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M4S 1T5. My telephone number is 416-322-7936 and my e-mail is [jgirvan@uniserve.com](mailto:jgirvan@uniserve.com).

Yours truly,

*Julie E. Girvan*

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