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**BY EMAIL** 

March 18, 2014

Ms. McCutcheon Canadians for Safe Technology 1084 Argyle Drive Oakville ON L6J 1A7

Dear Ms. McCutcheon:

## Re: Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited Section 29 Application Board File Number EB-2013-0234

This letter is in response to the Canadians for Safe Technology ("CST") second request for late Intervenor status in the above noted proceeding.

The Board has reviewed your second request and has determined that it will not grant late intervenor status to the CST for the following reasons:

The CST claims that cost-based pricing encourages the proliferation of antennae mounted on distribution poles in residential areas and that residents do not support this as it unfairly advantages the use of hydro poles for wireless attachment when other locations for wireless attachment may be more appropriate. The CST goes on to state that residents do not support a greater number of wireless attachments in their residential neighborhoods. This interest relates back to the mission of the organization and the issue raised relates to the group's concern about health effects of wireless attachments. The Board has already stated in a letter dated February 26, 2014 that health effects of wireless attachments are outside the scope of the proceeding.

The CST also claims that customers should not be cross-subsidizing the growth of mobile telephone companies at the expense of hydro customers. Issues around potential cross-subsidy are within the scope of the proceeding, however, the CST is a coalition "whose mission is to educate and inform Canadians and their policy makers about the dangers of the exposures to unsafe levels of wireless electromagnetic radiation from technology". The group's interest is focused on health effects of

technology, not the interests of ratepayers, even indirectly. There are a number of intervenor groups representing the interests of various types of ratepayers, which will be addressing the relevant issues affecting ratepayers. The CST has not demonstrated that it has a substantial interest in any issue within the scope of the proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

cc: All Parties