April 10, 2014

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

**Re:** Rate Design for Electricity Distributors (EB-2012-0410)

- Notice of Intervention

Dear Ms. Walli,

On April 3, 2014, the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") issued a Draft Report of the Board and corresponding notice concerning a consultation on Rate Design for Electricity Distributors. In accordance with the OEB's notice, the Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (the "SIA") applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.

The SIA is a public interest group whose mission is to advocate for sustainable, prudent, cost effective, and equitably financed investment in public infrastructure. As the counterpoint to infrastructure investment and efficient utility operation, the issue of a rate design that allows for the equitably recovery of the costs customers pay for the distribution infrastructure and services they use, is one of the central issues concerning the SIA. Additionally, a vast majority of our members belong to the residential or small commercial rate class of various Ontario distributors, and as such will be directly affected and have a significant interest in the new rate structure resulting from this consultation. Through its intervention, the SIA hopes to assist the OEB by exploring the most just, fair, and equitable manner by which to recover the costs of electricity distribution.

The SIA intends to apply for recovery of its costs incurred during the course of its intervention in this consultation and believes that, as a group representing the interests of directly affected customers, and advocating for policies reflecting the general public interest, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Please direct all correspondence to Mr. Dionisio Rivera, who has been retained as the SIA's consultant in this proceeding:

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The SIA appreciates the opportunity to voice its concerns, and looks forward to aiding the OEB in developing an effective, efficient, and equitable distribution rate structure for the citizens of Ontario.

Sincerely,

[original signed by]

**Robert Sutton** 

Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario