



May 30, 2014

via email - signed original to follow by courier

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

**Re: Horizon Utilities Corporation 2015-2019 Distribution Rates (EB-2014-0002)  
- Notice of Intervention**

Dear Ms. Walli,

On May 21, 2014, the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) issued a notice concerning an application filed by Horizon Utilities Corporation (“Horizon”) for 2015-2019 distribution rates. 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. Our membership consists of citizens and ratepayers of varying backgrounds concerned with the future reliability and sustainability of infrastructure in Ontario. While our interests extend beyond the energy industry, a majority of our efforts are directed specifically towards the operations of gas and electric utilities. Through participation in public forums, the SIA advocates for policies that will ensure reliable and financially sustainable infrastructure for current and future generations. We are predominantly located in the GTA area, but our involvement extends to communities throughout Ontario.

The SIA is currently a registered intervenor in Hydro One’s 2015-2019 Distribution Rate Application proceeding (EB-2013-0416), and its intervention in this rate proceeding (pertaining to a similar application by a neighbouring utility, covering comparable issues and the same rate period) is motivated by largely similar concerns on our part. Power supply failures, especially major ones such as the ice storm outages in December 2013, have an extensive impact on the citizens of Ontario and appear to be occurring with increasing frequency. A number of our

members within Horizon's service territory are directly affected by a potential disruption to their power supply, and accordingly are very concerned and have a significant interest in ensuring that they are provided with both a reliable and affordable supply of electricity. Through its intervention in this proceeding, the SIA hopes to assist the OEB by exploring appropriate, cost effective, equitably financed, and sustainable investments by Horizon in its electrical infrastructure.

The SIA expects that its intervention in this proceeding will be fairly limited, generally focussing on Horizon's capital investment plans, a few select issues concerning prudent and efficient electric utility management (particularly as it relates to cost effectiveness and cost efficiency) as well as system reliability and disaster preparedness. The SIA expects to constrain its involvement primarily to the interrogatory and argument phases of the proceeding, and will further endeavour to be particularly sensitive and focussed in the areas it addresses in order to avoid any unnecessary duplication of topic areas already covered by other intervening parties.

The SIA intends to apply for recovery of its reasonably incurred costs in the course of its intervention in this proceeding and believes that, as a public interest group representing the direct interests of customers of Horizon and citizens living within Horizon's service territory, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Practice Direction on Cost Awards. The SIA is not ineligible for cost awards by reason of any of the criteria contained in section 3.05 of the 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 ensuring that Horizon's expenditures and investments in its infrastructure are prudent and effective in meeting the needs of its ratepayers.

Sincerely,

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Robert Sutton  
Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario