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Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: Regional Infrastructure Planning – Establishing the Regional Planning Standing Committee (“RPSC”)
Board File Number: EB-2011-0043

In response to the Board’s notice on July 25, 2014 that it is establishing the Regional Planning Standing Committee (“RPSC”)¹, the Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) is nominating Mr. Ahmed Maria (P.Eng, M.A.Sc, MBA), as a member of the RSPC. As Manager of Market Facilitation at the IESO, Mr. Maria oversees the process for assessing the impact of new or modified connections on the reliability of the integrated power system.

The IESO is well-positioned to contribute to RSPC recommendations to Board staff on technical aspects of the regional planning since the IESO is responsible for the reliable operation of the provincial electricity grid and ensures planning and operation of the bulk power system complies with all applicable standards and criteria established by NERC, NPCC and the IESO Market Rules.

The RSPC is also tasked with ensuring that the Regional Planning Process is aligned with public policy and identifying options to address any process challenges. The IESO has been an active participant in previous joint regional planning studies with the OPA, transmitters, and distributors and looks forwards to sharing lessons learned in support of continued improvements to the Regional Planning Process.

¹ <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/oeb/ Documents/EB-2011-0043/OEB Letter Regional Planning 20140725.pdf>

If you have any questions about this letter and nomination, I can be reached at 905-855-6481.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Barrett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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