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Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce

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VIA MAIL and E-MAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2014-0101 Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.
Notice of Intervention of Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce (GOCC)**

Please find enclosed the Notice of Intervention of GOCC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Yours truly,
Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K.R. Malcolmson".

K.R. Malcolmson,
CEO & General Manager for GOCC

Cc: OPUC - Phil Martin - pmartin@opuc.on.ca

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY
OSHAWA PUC NETWORKS
2015 ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATES**

EB-2014-0101

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE
GREATER OSHAWA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

To: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
And to: Mr. Phil Martin, VP Finance & Regulatory Compliance

IDENTITY OF THE INTERVENOR AND ITS MEMBERSHIP

1. The Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce (GOCC) hereby expresses its intention to intervene and participate in the above-mentioned proceeding.

The GOCC is one of the largest business associations in Durham Region, with over 950 entrepreneurs, managers and corporate executives as members, representing 750 businesses, which employ over 40,000. As a Chamber, we provide positive leadership in support of our members, business and the private enterprise system. We continually strive to promote an environment that will advance existing business and attract new business.

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INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT GOCC IN THIS PROCEEDING

The name and address of the agent authorized to receive documents on behalf of GOCC is:

Mr. K. R. (Bob) Malcolmson, CEO & General Manager
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GOCC requests electronic copies of the application and any additional supporting materials are sent to Mr. Malcolmson at his respective e-mail address.

GROUND FOR THE INTERVENTION

The Applicant is seeking to increase the rates to non-residential customers represented by, or of similar interests, to those represented by GOCC. GOCC is especially concerned with the ability of the business consumers to remain competitive and meet energy costs which on an annual basis continually exceeds the rate of inflation.

INTERESTS OF THE INTERVENOR

GOCC notes that Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. (OPUCN) is seeking to have rates approved for a period of 5 years. The application proposes to increase the 2015 rates of an average business customer in the 50 to 999 KW service classification by 7 to 9%. These increases are significantly above inflation. GOCC is intervening in order to ensure that non-residential consumer interests and in particular the interests of the business users of electricity are fully represented in the determination of just and reasonable rates.

INTENTION TO SEEK COST AWARDS

The GOCC does not have access to the direct funding required to retain appropriate legal and consulting support for its intervention in OEB proceedings.

The GOCC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that, as a chamber of commerce representing the direct interests of business consumers, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Section 41) and its' Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3.03).

Accordingly for the GOCC to provide legal support and retain qualified consultants relies on the basis that the GOCC can recover the related fees and disbursements from the Board based on the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards at the prevailing Cost Award Tariff.

DATED AT OSHAWA, March 9, 2015