ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board's consultation on the Regulatory Treatment of Pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefit Costs.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

OF THE

SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION

- 1. The School Energy Coalition ("SEC") applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.
- 2. SEC is a frequent intervenor in Board proceedings. Our current Annual Filing can be found on the Board's website, here:

http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/462191/view/

3. The School Energy Coalition intends to apply for recovery of its costs reasonably incurred in the course of its intervention in this matter. SEC has participated in many past natural gas and electricity proceedings in Ontario, including consultations, rate cases, and other processes and hearings, and has been found eligible to be paid its reasonably incurred costs in all of those proceedings.

Issues to be Addressed

- 4. SEC's intended participation will focus on the following issues:
 - a. Accounting methods available and appropriate for pensions and OPEBs, and in the case of each method the appropriate regulatory treatment under that accounting method, and the impacts on utilities, employees and ratepayers;
 - b. Differences, if any, between funded and unfunded pension and OPEB liabilities, and their impact on regulatory treatment;
 - c. The extent, if any, to which the nature of the pension/OPEB plan, or the level of benefits, should affect how the costs are treated for regulatory purposes;
 - d. All other aspects of regulatory treatment of pensions and OPEBs, and
 - e. Generally to represent the interests of school boards and their students in this process.

The Intervenor's Intended Participation

- 5. The School Energy Coalition intends to participate in all the phases of the discussions, including but not limited to attendance at consultation meetings and the submission of written comments, as well as any other parts of the process that the Board should request.
- 6. SEC has, under separate cover, supported the proposal of OPG asking the Board to treat this consultation as a generic proceeding, with discoveries and a full hearing process. In the event

that the Board agrees with that proposal, SEC intends to participate in all aspects of that proceeding. It is not yet determined if SEC will file expert or other evidence in such a proceeding.

Counsel/Representative

- 7. SEC requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board by each party to this proceeding be served on the intervenor, and on the intervenor's counsel, as follows:
 - a. School Energy Coalition: (electronic copies only)

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b. SEC's counsel: (both electronic and paper copies)

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the School Energy Coalition this 22nd of May, 2015.

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