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Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
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### **Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary**

Dear Ms. Walli:

### **Re: EB-2014-0072 – Essex Powerlines 2015 Rates – SEC Cost Claim**

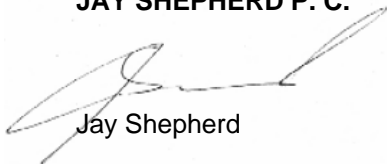
We are counsel for the School Energy Coalition. We have received the correspondence from Essex proposing that the SEC cost claim be denied because it was filed late.

SEC has already apologized for the late filing, and repeats that apology here. The late filing came about because the cost claim was due seven days after the final rate order, but in this case the final rate order was issued unusually quickly relative to the DRO process. Reply submissions from Essex were due on June 18<sup>th</sup>, and the final rate order was issued the same day. Normally, this would have taken place at least ten days later, and thus the cost claim would have been due in early July. We scheduled preparation of the cost claim for that time, and in the meantime the undersigned was out of town for the last two weeks of June.

SEC therefore submits that the late filing was accidental, and the proposal that the Board deny or reduce recovery is inappropriate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours very truly,  
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