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By Email and RESS

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

**Re: PowerStream Inc 2016-2020 Distribution Rates (EB-2015-0003) -
Submission on Threshold Issue**

Dear Ms. Walli,

The Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (the “SIA”) writes with respect to the above noted matter. The SIA agrees with and adopts the submissions of its fellow intervenors on this issue. Specifically, the SIA believes that proceeding with a hearing to set rates for PowerStream based on underlying information and assumptions that are largely expected to be (or are even currently known to be) inaccurate would be unproductive for all involved. The SIA further believes that the OEB’s process needs to produce rates reflecting PowerStream’s actual costs over the course of the rate term, rather than theoretical costs reflecting a status quo that is no longer representative of company expectations or the company's operating reality. This is especially true if approval is granted for a 5 year term, as is requested by the applicant.

In the alternative, and given the circumstances, the SIA suggests that the OEB may wish to consider proceeding with the application on its current merits, but only consider approval of a shorter rate term that would address the immediate time period until the expected merger is finalized. This would address PowerStream's immediate need for updated rates, without committing ratepayers to the more uncertain cost projections in the outer (and likely post merger) years of the plan.

Sincerely,

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