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BY E-MAIL

April 1, 2016

Ms. Melissa Casson North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited 74 Commerce Crescent P.O. Box 3240 North Bay ON P1B 8Y5 mcasson@northbayhydro.com

Dear Ms. Casson:

Re: North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited Application for Rates OEB File Number EB-2015-0092

The OEB received North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited's 2016 Price Cap IR application on March 23, 2016. The OEB has assigned file number EB-2015-0092 to the application. The OEB's Vice President, Applications, to whom authority has been delegated under Section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,* will make a decision on the application without holding a hearing.

Your application is available on the <u>2016 EDR webpage</u> of the OEB's website.

OEB staff may have questions regarding the application and will be in contact with you directly, as required. The nature of the questions will determine the manner in which OEB staff will seek clarification regarding the application or request additional information or material. For these purposes, OEB staff may contact you by email, in writing, by telephone or, in some cases, one or more teleconferences.

In order to assist with your own planning, OEB staff has scheduled a teleconference for April 8, 2016, in the event that such a teleconference is required. Please ensure that appropriate members of your staff are available at that time.

OEB staff will update all applicable models based on any additional information received from you in response to OEB staff questions. All changes to the models will be documented and provided to you no later than April 15, 2016. At that time, OEB staff will also outline any additional information that remains to be provided by you.

If you have any comments regarding the updated models or the additional information requested by OEB staff, please provide them to OEB staff by no later than April 22, 2016.

Following these steps, the Vice President, Applications will provide you with a draft of the decision that she proposes to make subject to any relevant final comments from you. These comments are to be provided within 7days. Where possible, a draft Rate Order and all applicable models will be enclosed for comment. In some circumstances you may be required to file a separate draft Rate Order. The Vice President, Applications will consider your final comments, if any, and issue a final decision and rate order.

Please note that the timely processing of the application depends on the receipt of information within the timelines specified. Any questions relating to this letter or your application should be directed to Kelli Benincasa, Analyst at 416-440-7624 or Kelli.Benincasa@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary