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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Nominations to the Protecting Privacy of Personal Information and the Reliable Operation of

the Smart Grid Working Group Board File No. EB-2016-0032

Veridian Connections Inc. ("Veridian") is pleased to nominate Ms. Falguni Shah and Mr. Larry Lam to participate in the working group regarding protecting privacy of personal information and the reliable operation of the smart grid in Ontario as referenced in the Board's May 19, 2016 letter.

Veridian is the seventh largest municipally owned electricity distributor in Ontario and operates a geographically dispersed distribution network serving more than 118,000 urban, suburban and rural customers over an area of 639 square kilometers.

## Falguni Shah

Ms. Shah is Veridian's Acting Vice President of Operations. She has a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, is a Professional Engineer in the province of Ontario and has more than 25 years of engineering and operations experience in the electricity distribution sector. She has extensive experience with the smart grid, Outage Management Systems, distribution system automation and modeling, SCADA communication, interconnection of distributed resources with remote monitoring and control, data management to quantify power system reliability, and in the planning and operation of reliable distribution systems. She has applied various industry standards such as those from IEEE, CSA, ESA and CEA, and currently represents Veridian on the CEA Service Continuity working group, the Operations Council of the Electricity Distributors Association and numerous other industry committees and working groups. In addition, she is also actively involved in collaboration with Ontario universities for distribution system automation projects.

## Larry Lam

Mr. Lam is Veridian's Manager of Information Technology. He has responsibility for the network architecture, data centres, applications and cyber security initiatives. Since joining Veridian, Mr. Lam has played an instrumental role in developing and implementing Veridian's cyber security strategy. Veridian's IT infrastructure encompasses multiple work locations across a broad geographical area. This experience provides Mr. Lam with unique perspectives that would be of value to the proposed working group.

Mr. Lam joined Veridian in 2008. Prior to that Mr. Lam held positions of increasing responsibility at Delphax Technologies, Ford Motor Company and Best Foods Canada. Mr. Lam holds a B.A. from University of Manitoba and has a total of 30 years of experience in the field of Information Technology.

If selected to serve on the Working Group, Ms. Shah and Mr. Lam would represent Veridian. Veridian is an electricity distributor operating under Ontario Energy Board license number ED-2002-0503 and, therefore, has a direct interest in the development of the Board's cyber security framework.

Contact details for Veridian's nominees are as follow:

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Thank you for your consideration of our nominations. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-427-9870, extension 3274 if you have any questions or require further information.

Yours truly,

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