



June 9, 2016

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge St., Suite 2700
Toronto, ON, M4P 1E4

via RESS and Courier

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Consultation on the Regulatory Treatment of Pensions and
Other Post-Employment Benefit Costs
Board File Number EB-2015-0040**

On May 14, 2015, the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) notified stakeholders that it was initiating a consultation on rate-regulated utility pensions and other post-employment benefits (“OPEBs”) in the electricity and natural gas sectors. The consultation process began with an invitation to stakeholders to provide submissions on an initial set of questions.

The Coalition of Large Distributors (“CLD”) consists of Enersource Hydro Mississauga Inc., Horizon Utilities Corporation, Hydro Ottawa Limited, PowerStream Inc., Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited, and Veridian Connections Inc. On July 31, 2015, the CLD filed comments with the OEB on the initial set of questions.

On May 19, 2016, the OEB advised that it had retained KPMG to prepare a report to assist the OEB in understanding the issues and options that may be available. The OEB will convene a stakeholder meeting beginning July 19, 2016, and continuing July 20, 2016 if necessary, to provide a forum for discussion of the issues in this consultation. The meeting will consist of three parts:

- Introduction and overview of pension and OPEB accounting and the methods presently used by Ontario's regulated utilities;
- Presentation of the KPMG report, with an opportunity for participants to ask questions of KPMG; and
- Stakeholder presentations, with an opportunity for other participants to ask questions of the presenters.

The OEB requested that if parties intend to make presentations to the Board, to advise the Board by June 9, 2016. The CLD would like to advise the OEB of its intent to make a presentation at the stakeholder session on the options presented in the KPMG report.

In addition, the OEB requested that stakeholders who wish to file comments on the draft issues list must do so by June 9, 2016. In this regard, the CLD seeks an addition to the issues list “Issue 10” that would provide clarity on the process forward. The CLD appreciates the OEB convening a stakeholder discussion on this topic. However, given that this will be the first opportunity for



many stakeholders to inquire about the methods discussed by KPMG, the CLD would suggest that stakeholders would benefit from an opportunity to fully review the impacts of the options discussed at the stakeholder meeting before making further submissions. The CLD suggests that additional time be allotted in the process going forward to provide time for stakeholders to provide thoughtful input into this important topic.

If you have any questions with respect to the above, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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