July 20, 2016

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street P.O. Box 2319 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: EB-2016-0152 – Ontario Power Generation Inc. – Payment Amounts for the Period 2017-2021

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada ("Council"). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Application to the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") by Ontario Power Generation Inc. ("OPG") for approval of the amounts it charges for the output of its nuclear generating facilities and most of its hydroelectric generating facilities for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021. The Board's order in this proceeding will ultimately impact the bills of Ontario residential electricity consumers.

On June 18, 2015, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in Board proceedings.

The nature and scope of the Council's intended participation in the proceeding will be the following:

- 1. To test OPG's evidence, including the proposals for price cap adjustments for the hydroelectric business and the establishment of nuclear revenue requirements for the rate period;
- 2. To assess the proposals for the disposition of deferral and variance accounts;
- 3. To assess any other proposals that have been set out in the Application that may impact Ontario electricity ratepayers; and
- 4. To participate in the various stages of the proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and an oral hearing.

The Council supports an oral hearing process. The Council is of the view that an oral hearing is preferable to a written process given the complexity of many of the issues that will be considered in this proceeding.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many electricity applications over a long period of time, including all of OPG's previous applications. In all of those proceedings the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all correspondence related to this proceeding and hard copies of the Applicant's evidence should be sent to:

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Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

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