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BY E-MAIL

July 22, 2016

Kirsten Walli **Board Secretary** Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Board.Secretary@ontarioenergyboard.ca

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Brantford Power Inc. (BPI) **Application for Rates**

Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Summary of Community Meeting

OEB File Number EB-2016-0058

Further to the Notice of Application, the OEB hosted a community meeting regarding BPI's 2017 cost of service rate application on July 14, 2016. This letter is provided as a brief summary of the event.

The meeting was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the T.B. Costain/SC Johnson Community Centre in Brantford, Ontario. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for members of the community to learn about BPI's application, to explain the OEB's role as a regulator, to describe the ways that a customer can participate in the OEB's review process and to provide an opportunity for members of the community to give feedback to the OEB regarding BPI's application. Attendees were also given an opportunity to file a letter of comment at the meeting.

OEB staff and BPI staff attended the event and made presentations. OEB staff explained the OEB's role and informed consumers how they could participate. BPI's staff discussed the utility's application, its historical expenditures, and its planned capital expenditures and how its consumer engagement activities influenced their application.

BPI filed its presentation slides on the record of this proceeding on July 15, 2016.

23 customers of BPI attended the meeting. Several of the consumers asked questions following the presentation.

The areas of discussion following the presentations included:

- BPI application questions regarding current and future capital expenditures, which board of directors and/or city councillors approved the request to be made of the OEB to increase rates, and the associated bill impacts
- Electricity prices why time of use rates are increasing even with conservation efforts, why increases are higher than inflation and wages
- Smart meters how customers benefit from the use of smart meters
- Renewable generation whether customers pay for the maintenance costs of wind generators
- General concerns from customers about the increase in the cost of living and the affordability of electricity

None of the attendees submitted a letter of comment following the meeting.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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