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Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27th Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: Westario Power Inc. ("Westario") (EB-2016-0113)

Westario's last rebasing application was for rates effective May 1, 2013. Accordingly, it is currently scheduled for a Cost of Service application for rates effective May 1, 2017, as set out in the Board's letter dated December 29, 2015 - *Applications for 2017 and 2018 Electricity Rates*.

On behalf of Westario, we respectfully request that it be permitted to defer its Cost of Service rate application to 2018, and continue under the 3rd Generation IR framework for one additional year for its May 1, 2017 rates. Westario has a stable rate base, largely due to the fact it has nominal customer growth and a focused effort to ensure reliability through capital maintenance.

Further, over the past three years, Westario's achieved return on equity has been within the acceptable range applied by the OEB:

Return on Equity	2013	2014	2015
Deemed	8.98%	8.98%	8.98%
Achieved	8.50%	11.09%	8.02

We apologize for any inconvenience this deferral may cause. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Taylor