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January 6, 2017

Mr. Frank Lasowski  
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Dear Mr: Lasowski

**Re: Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. Motion to Vary Cost of Service Decision  
Board File Number EB-2016-0255**

This will acknowledge receipt of your December 22, 2016 letter expressing concern regarding the cost of holding an oral hearing in the above mentioned proceeding. The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) appreciates Milton Hydro's concerns regarding the impact of the cost of electricity on its rate payers.

As the Chair of the OEB, I assign Board members to a panel to hear the evidence and render a decision through an adjudicative proceeding. Once this panel is assigned, the panel becomes the independent decision maker, with responsibility for determining procedural matters including the manner of hearing.

Since the case to which you refer is currently a live proceeding, with an assigned panel of Board members, your letter will be placed on the record of the EB-2016-0255 proceeding for consideration by the Board panel.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

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