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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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**Re: EB-2016-0096 Northern Ontario Wires Inc. 2017 Cost of Service Application
Request for Confidentiality**

Dear Ms. Walli,

Further to the Board's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, we are submitting the following two interrogatory responses on a confidential basis and ask that the Board consider and grant confidential status for both responses. We have not submitted redacted versions of either response, as neither response contains non-confidential information that is meaningful without the related confidential information.

The responses are in respect of questions 4-Staff-37 b) and 4-Staff-37 c), which were posed as follows:

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| 4-Staff-37 b) | Please provide the management salary grid referenced at Exhibit 4 / Tab 3 / Schedule 2 / p. 2. |
| 4-Staff-37 c) | Please provide the net impact on the compensation budget of the non-replacement of the CEO position for 2015, 2016 and 2017. The net impact calculation should include both the savings related to removing the CEO position and incremental salary paid to other staff that took over the responsibilities (Exhibit 4 / Tab 3 / Schedule 2 / p. 2). |

The response in both cases provides the requested information in table form. In both cases the requested information relates to the salaries earned by individual employees (and specifically in the case of 4-Staff-37 c) a former employee) which, if disclosed, would reveal personal information about those employees contrary to the practice direction at section 4.3.1, which specifically notes that the Board is prohibited under

FIPPA from releasing personal information. Accordingly it is Northern Ontario Wires Inc. respectful submission that both these interrogatory responses should be granted permanent confidential status in the proceeding, and that disclosure of this information to the parties in the proceeding be governed by the Board's practice direction on confidential filings.

Yours very truly,

NORTHERN ONTARIO WIRES INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Geoffrey Sutton', is written over the typed name.

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