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Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
Suite 2701  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Thunder Bay Hydro Distribution Inc.  
2017 Rate Application (EB-2016-0105)  
Settlement Update**

Pursuant to Procedural Order Number 1 in the above noted matter, any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference in respect of the above noted matter shall be filed with the OEB on or before March 9, 2017.

Thunder Bay Hydro is writing to advise the OEB that a senior member of Thunder Bay Hydro's staff has experienced a loss in the family which has caused an unforeseen delay in the preparation of a settlement proposal. In light of this, Thunder Bay Hydro respectfully requests an extension to the deadline to file a settlement proposal by 2 weeks to March 23, 2017.

Thunder Bay Hydro notes that the Board cancelled the settlement proposal presentation date of March 21, 2017 (which is appreciated), in favour of presenting the settlement proposal at the start of the oral hearing on April 11, 2017. For this reason, Thunder Bay Hydro believes that this unforeseen delay will not affect the balance of the process as contemplated in Procedural Order No. 1.

Finally, pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1, in the event there is no settlement the parties shall file and serve on the other parties any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing by March 8, 2017.

Thunder Bay Hydro respectfully requests that an extension to the deadline to file these submissions be granted to one (1) business day after the filing of the partial settlement proposal. This will ensure the final form of settlement agreement is filed before the parties are asked to make submissions on what of the remaining issues are to be heard orally vs. in writing (which, in turn, will help avoid claims that a party has inadvertently breached settlement confidentiality/privilege in those submissions).

Yours very truly,

**BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS LLP**

Per:

*Original signed by John A.D. Vellone*

John A.D. Vellone

CC: Intervenor of record in EB-2016-0105  
Chris Haussmann