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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2017-0212: MAADs Application by St. Thomas Energy Inc. and Entegrus Powerlines Inc.

Procedural Timing

We write as counsel to the applicants herein.

The MAADs application was filed on July 21st. The Notice of Hearing was issued about a month later (August 31st). An intervention period followed, with one request for intervention (by Capredoni Enterprises Ltd.) to which the applicants filed a response on September 10th. Procedural Order No. 1 herein was issued about a month and a half later; on October 25th.

Given the passage of time since the MAADs application was filed, the applicants are now concerned about the commercial and transaction financing impact of a decision date beyond mid-December. Traditionally most non-controversial OEB MAADs applications have taken between 3.5 and 4.5 months from application filing to decision, and the applicants accordingly planned on the basis that the 5 plus month time period between filing and year end would likely be sufficient. The applicants do understand that an appropriate process for consideration and determination of this application is required, that internal Board schedules must also be factored in, and that the intervention request in this instance presented some unique issues.

To attempt to address, to the extent possible, timing issues, the applicants will make every effort to respond to interrogatories received as quickly as possible, and prior to the scheduled response date of November 22nd. To the extent that Board Staff could provide

some, even if not all, of its interrogatories in advance of the scheduled November 8th filing date, that could assist the applicants in expediting their responses.

We would also ask that the Board retain for now as much flexibility as it can in respect of further scheduling in this matter, so that if through one or both of the foregoing measures time can be shaved off of the discovery process (without sacrificing the robustness of the discovery), submission dates can be set to be as expeditious as possible.

We would appreciate the Board's co-operation in this respect.

Yours truly,



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