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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli,

RE: EB-2017-0035 Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. (CHEI) 2018 Cost of Service Application

I am writing to you as counsel for the applicant in the above noted proceeding. The parties, including Board Staff, are currently working towards a settlement proposal with respect to the application, but expect that it is unlikely that such a proposal can be filed and reviewed by Board in time to implement rates on January 1, 2018. Accordingly the applicant respectfully requests that the Board make an order declaring CHEI's current rates interim as of January 1, 2018 on a without prejudice basis until such time as new rates are approved by the OEB.

If any further information is required please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Michael R. Buonaguro