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

**Re: Union-Enbridge Amalgamation and Rate-setting Applications – Request to Participate
Board File No.: EB-2017-0306/0307**

The Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) is writing to request intervenor status in the above noted proceedings.

The IESO is responsible for maintaining the security and reliability of electricity supply in Ontario and for directing the operations of the IESO-controlled grid. The IESO also has the mandate to ensure the adequacy and efficiency of electricity supply in the province through planning of electricity supply and demand.

The IESO has an interest in these proceedings based on the role that natural gas-fired generation has in maintaining the reliability of the IESO-controlled grid. The IESO has both direct and indirect exposure to changes in gas costs, and thus has an interest in any potential rate changes in natural gas service territories that may result of the Ontario Energy Board’s (“OEB”) review and approval of Union and Enbridge’s amalgamation and rate-setting applications.

The IESO reserves the right to participate in all OEB-established processes for these proceedings, such as any interrogatory processes, technical conferences, settlement conferences and written or oral hearings. The IESO will not be seeking an award of costs.

The IESO requests that electronic copies of all documents filed in this proceeding be addressed to Phillip Chisulo, Senior Advisor, Regulatory Affairs, at 416-969-6269 or by email at RegulatoryAffairs@ieso.ca.

Yours truly,

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