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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 26<sup>th</sup> Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

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 OEB 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 in time to meet the current deadline for filing a settlement proposal. Accordingly CHEI would respectfully request an extension to the filing deadline for a Settlement Proposal from the current deadline of December 20, 2017 to December 22, 2017.

We note and appreciate that the Board has already declared the applicant's rates interim effective January 1, 2018.

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

Yours very truly,

Michael R. Buonaguro