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**BY E-MAIL** 

October 25, 2018

Jennifer Dionne Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. 950 East Main Street P.O. Box 280 Welland ON L3B 5P6 jdionne@wellandhydro.com

Dear Ms. Dionne:

## Re: Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. Application for Rates OEB File Number EB-2018-0075

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) received Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.'s 2019 Price Cap IR application on October 11, 2018. The OEB has assigned file number EB-2018-0075 to the application. The OEB has completed its preliminary review and has determined that it will now commence processing of your application. An employee of the OEB, to whom authority has been delegated under Section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,* intends to make a decision on the application without holding a hearing.

Your application is available on the <u>2019 EDR webpage</u> of the OEB's website. You are directed to make a copy of the application available in a prominent place on your company's website within 3 business days.

OEB staff may have questions regarding the application and will be in contact with you directly throughout the course of the application review. OEB staff may contact you by email and/or by telephone. OEB staff has scheduled a teleconference for December 14, 2018, in the event that there are matters that need to be discussed further. Please

ensure that appropriate members of your staff are available at that time, or inform the OEB case manager below if this date is unworkable.

If any additional information is received from you in response to OEB staff questions, OEB staff will update the applicable models as necessary. All changes to the models will be documented and provided to you no later than December 28, 2018. OEB staff will also outline any additional information that you need to provide.

If you have any comments regarding the updated models, please provide them to OEB staff, along with any additional information requested by OEB staff, no later than January 7, 2019.

Following these steps, the delegated decision maker will provide you with a draft of the decision that he or she proposes to make. You may comment on the draft decision within 7 days. Where possible, a draft rate order and all applicable models will be enclosed for comment. In some circumstances you may be required to file a separate draft rate order. The delegated decision maker will consider your comments and issue a final decision and rate order.

Please note that the timely processing of the application depends on the receipt of information within the specified timelines. Any questions relating to this letter or the process for your application should be directed to Georgette Vlahos, Advisor at 416-544-5169 or <u>georgette.vlahos@oeb.ca.</u> Please also copy the Board Secretary at <u>BoardSec@oeb.ca.</u> with any future correspondence.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Theodore Antonopoulos Vice President of Applications