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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Re:

North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited 2008 Electricity Distribution Rate Application

We are counsel to North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited ("North Bay Hydro") in the above-captioned matter. North Bay Hydro is identified in the OEB's letter dated April 4, 2007 as having self-nominated for rebasing in 2008.

North Bay Hydro retained Elenchus Research Associates ("ERA") as its rate design consultant in the preparation of its 2008 distribution rate application. North Bay Hydro has been working diligently with ERA to complete and file its 2008 rate application by August 15, 2007. However, as we understand that Board staff were advised in a recent meeting with ERA, most of the LDCs filing for 2008 rates will not be able to complete their filings by August 15th due to challenges with the ERA model and with collecting the appropriate data needed to prepare the 2008 rate application. North Bay Hydro is among those LDCs.

North Bay Hydro remains committed to filing a 2008 rate application that is compliant with the Board's Filing Requirements and that provides clear and complete supporting evidence derived from a fully functional rate design model. Our client will file its application at its earliest opportunity, but at this time, North Bay Hydro anticipates that it will not be filing its application until the end of October. North Bay Hydro regrets any inconvenience that may result from this delay, but believes that it is in the interest the OEB and all parties to take the time necessary to complete a filing that can be processed with the minimum of effort.

North Bay Hydro will continue to make every effort to complete the preparation of its application at the earliest possible date and, if possible, to file the application prior to the end of October. Should you have any questions or require further information in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

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