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Ontario Energy Board  
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**Attention: Board Secretary**

**And to:**

Mr. Glen MacDonald  
Senior Advisor, Regulatory Affairs  
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Dear Sirs:

**Re: Notice of Application and Hearing for Electricity Distribution Rate Change  
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.  
Board File: EB-2008-0232**

The Notice of Application for Hydro One Remote Communities Inc's proposed electricity distribution rate change was published in October 16, 2008 in The Wawatay News. This letter is the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's (DIAND) formal request for Intervenor Status in the proceeding.

DIAND is the federal department with the statutory responsibility for Indians and lands reserved for Indians. DIAND has a direct financial interest in this application, in that the federal government provides funding to First Nations Communities to offset portions of their electricity costs and for the construction of electricity distribution and generation assets on reserves. DIAND is also working with Marten Falls First Nation and Hydro

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One Remote Communities Inc. to facilitate adding the Marten Falls to the service area of Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.

Because the limited time to study the relevant documentation in this proceeding, we are unable to include a description of the nature and scope of our intended participation. We will be providing that information in due course, in accordance with rules 23.03(b) and 23.04 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

We do not intend to participate in the application in the French language.

We request that copies of all documents filed with the Ontario Energy Board and the applicant related to this proceeding be sent to my attention and be served on DIAND as follows:

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Should you have any questions or require further information in respect of this request, please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Yours truly,



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