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Ms. Kirsten Walli ^{1/2/10}
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Haldimand County Hydro Inc. – 2010 Cost of Service Electricity
Distribution Rate Application – Board File No. EB-2009-0265**

We are counsel to Haldimand County Hydro Inc. (“HCHI”) in the above captioned matter.

A settlement conference was convened in respect of this proceeding on Thursday, January 21, 2010, in accordance with Procedural Order #3. The conference continued into Friday, January 22, 2010.

The Procedural Order contemplates the filing of a settlement proposal by February 1, 2010. We wish to advise the Board that discussions are continuing among the parties, and we ask that the Board extend the filing deadline for the proposal to Friday, February 12, 2010.

To assist the Board, we have discussed with intervenors’ counsel the timing of the next steps in this proceeding in the event that a complete settlement is not reached. If a partial settlement is reached, and on the assumption that the Board will issue its decision on the settlement proposal within a few days of filing, we would propose the following dates for the remaining steps:

- February 19, 2010 – Argument-in-Chief
- February 26, 2010 – Board Staff and intervenor Submissions
- March 10, 2010 – Applicant’s Reply Submissions

All submissions would be in written form.

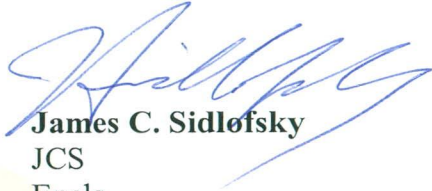
Please note that it is important to all parties that they have the Board’s Decision on any settlement proposal prior to filing written submissions. In the event that the Board requires more time to consider and dispose of any proposal that may be filed, and if submissions are necessary, we respectfully request that the Board extend these deadlines accordingly.

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We thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

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