

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.

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Re: VECC Request For Intervenor Status
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. Application for 2009 Electricity
Distribution Rates - Board File No EB-2007-0755

Dear Ms. Walli,

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. is in receipt of a request to the Ontario Energy Board from the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) to register as an intervenor in our rate application. The request states that VECC represents the Federation of Metro Tenants Association and the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OSCO). Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. contends that neither of these groups is represented in our community. We ask that the O.E.B. reject this request for intervenor status unless VECC can produce names and contact information of Niagara-on-the-Lake residents whom are members of one of these groups and are requesting such representation.

We do support the Board's mandate to ensure just and reasonable rates and the opportunity for ratepayers within our community to intervene. However, unnecessary intervention, over and above the Board's scrutiny adds cost that our smaller customer base will ultimately and disproportionately shoulder. Our application is not complex and does not warrant multiple provincially-based intervenors.

We therefore request that VECC not be granted intervenor status in this proceeding on the basis that they have no representation within Niagara-on-the-Lake and whose participation would add unnecessary cost with no tangible value.

Regards,

Jim Huntingdon

President.