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October 2, 2008

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
P.O. Box 2319
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Request for Intervenor Status and Cost Award Eligibility
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. Electricity Distribution Rates
Board File No. EB-2008-0247**

AMPCO is a not-for-profit consumer interest advocacy organization. While AMPCO's members represent a cross-section of Ontario's major industries—forestry, chemical, mining and minerals, steel, petroleum products, cement, automotive and manufacturing—AMPCO member companies depend on a network of local suppliers and businesses of all kinds. Our employees are customers. And our customers are electricity customers. We understand that our interests are best served when all consumers are well served.

As major investors, major employers and a major part of communities in which we operate, across Ontario, AMPCO members are interested in the fair and efficient regulation of the electricity sector. We are generally and legitimately interested in matters of energy policy, law and regulation. The record will show that our interventions are intended to improve the economic efficiency of the sector and to protect the economic interests of all consumers.

AMPCO participates in many proceedings, working groups, consultations and initiatives of the Ontario Energy Board. AMPCO has been a consistent participant in the Board's evolving approach to utility regulation and rate design. We have, for example, participated in Board working groups on distribution cost allocation, third generation incentive rate-making, distribution rate design, and distribution cost benchmarking.

AMPCO works as far as possible in alliance with other industry and consumer interest organizations, both outside and within OEB proceedings.

I. Request for Intervenor Status and Cost Eligibility

I am writing Pursuant to the Board's Notice of Application dated September 12, 2008 to respectfully request that the Board grant AMPCO intervenor status in this Application. I recognize that our letter is being submitted after the deadline, and I ask for the Board's permission to join the proceeding in progress.

I am also requesting that the Board confirm AMPCO's eligibility for an award of costs in this matter.

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II. Notice

I request that copies of all documents and correspondence pertaining to this proceeding be served on AMPCO and its consultants:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely yours,



Adam White
President

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