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BY E-MAIL

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Dear Mr. Buonaguro:

**Re: Request for Intervenor Status and Cost Award Eligibility
Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Limited
Application for Approval of 2009 Electricity Distribution Rates
Board File No.: EB-2008-0233**

On September 23, 2008, the Board received a letter from Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) requesting intervenor status and cost award eligibility for the Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Limited (Innisfil) application for approval of 2009 electricity distribution rates.

The Board has considered VECC's request and confirms VECC as an intervenor in this proceeding. Furthermore, the Board has determined that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under its Practice Direction on Cost Awards. The Practice Direction and related forms are available on the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca.

The Board recognizes that the costs of an intervention can be relatively significant for a smaller utility such as Innisfil. The Board notes that the cost awards and therefore cost claims should recognize the financial ability of distributors to pay those costs. The Board will take these concerns into account when granting any cost award to VECC at the completion of this proceeding.

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Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

cc: Laurie Ann Cooledge, Innisfil Hydro Distribution Systems Limited
Bill Harper, Econalysis Consulting Services