

December 3, 2008

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

Via RESS and by mail

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: IESO Application for Approval of 2009 Usage Fee - Board File No. EB-2008-0340

The Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) is the voice of Ontario's local distribution companies (LDCs). The EDA represents the interests of over 80 publicly and privately owned LDCs in Ontario.

The EDA intends to participate in the Board's hearing of the IESO's application for approval of 2009 usage fee. The customers of Ontario's LDCs are the final link in the electricity supply chain and thus are impacted by any increase in the IESO's usage fee. As the representative of LDCs in Ontario, and in the interests of consumers, the EDA wishes to participate in the proceedings of the IESO's application. Although the EDA does not anticipate filing for cost awards, it reserves the right to request cost eligibility for its participation if additional resources become necessary at a later stage in the proceeding.

Please note that correspondence to the EDA on this proceeding should be directed to the attention of Dev Pasumarty, Policy Analyst (dpasumarty@eda-on.ca).

Yours truly,

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Richard Zebrowski Vice President, Policy and Corporate Affairs

cc: Ms. Paula Lukan and Mr. John Rattray, IESO Mr. Glenn Zacher, Stikeman Elliott LLP

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