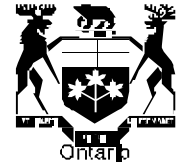


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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: **Essex Powerlines Corporation
2009 Incentive Regulation Mechanism (2009 IRM) Rate Application
Board File Number EB-2008-0174**

Please find attached Board staff interrogatories in the above proceeding. Please forward the attached documents to Essex Powerlines Corporation and all other parties in this proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Birgit Armstrong,
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Encl.

Board Staff Interrogatories
2009 Incentive Regulation Mechanism Rate Application
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Smart Meter Adder – Non-Implementing Distributor

Ref.: 2009 IRM Model, Sheet J1.1

1. The request for a continuation of the \$0.28 smart meter funding adder on sheet J1.1 of the 2009 IRM model indicates that Essex Powerlines does not plan on implementing a smart meter program in 2009. Please confirm that this is the case and indicate the proposed year of smart meter implementation.