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Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Kirsten Walli

Board Secretary

Re: Haldimand County Hydro Inc. (Licence # ED-2002-0539)
2009 IRM Distribution Rate Adjustment Application (EB-2008-0181)
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Adjustment

Dear Ms. Walli:

Haldimand County Hydro Inc. hereby submits this correspondence as an update to its evidence in conjunction with its 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism ("IRM") Application for 2009 Electricity Distribution Rates, to be effective May 1, 2009, as originally submitted on November 6, 2008.

This evidence is filed in accordance with the Ontario Energy Board's (the "Board's") letter, dated December 17, 2008, subject "Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection". A copy of this letter is now attached as required.

In accordance with the Board's instructions, Haldimand County Hydro Inc. respectfully requests that the Rural or Remote Electricity Protection ("RRRP") charge in its proposed tariff sheet be revised to 0.13 cents per kilowatt-hour effective May 1, 2009.

We have completed an electronic filing through the Board's web portal (RESS), and our hard copies include a paper copy of the print screen of the online confirmation holding the RESS submission reference number.

We have enclosed two (2) hard copies of this letter.

Yours truly, HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO INC.

Original Signed by

Jacqueline A. Scott Finance Manager

Encl.

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To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors and Retailers

Re: Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection

Ontario Regulation 442/01, Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection ("RRRP") (made under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*) requires the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") to calculate the amount to be charged by the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") with respect to the RRRP for each kilowatt-hour of electricity that is withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid.

Amount to be charged by the IESO for RRRP

Based on the demand forecast provided by the IESO, the Board has determined that the amount to be charged by the IESO with respect to the RRRP shall remain at the current level of 0.1 cents per kilowatt-hour effective January 1, 2009. Effective May 1, 2009, the IESO's RRRP charge shall be 0.13 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Amount to be Charged by Distributors and Retailers for RRRP

Effective January 1, 2009, the RRRP charge shall remain at the current level of 0.1 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Effective May 1, 2009, the RRRP charge shall be 0.13 cents per kilowatt-hour.

After May 1, 2009 the RRRP charge shall remain at 0.13 cents per kilowatt-hour until such time as the Board revises it.

Distributors that currently have a rate application before the Board shall file this letter as an update to their evidence along with a request that the RRRP charge in their tariff sheet be revised to 0.13 cents per kilowatt-hour effective May 1, 2009.

Where a distributor does not have a rate application before the Board, the distributor shall make an application to the Board to alter the RRRP charge in its tariff sheet effective May 1, 2009 to 0.13 cents per kilowatt-hour.

In the collection of this amount from customers, the customer's metered energy consumption shall be adjusted by the Total Loss Factor as approved by the Board.

The Board wishes to remind all distributors and retailers that in accordance with subsection 5(6) of the Regulation:

A distributor or retailer who bills a consumer for electricity shall aggregate the amount that the consumer is required to contribute to the compensation required by subsection 79(3) of the Act with the wholesale market service rate described in the Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook issued by the Board, as it read on October 31, 2001.

Yours Truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary