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

Dear Ms. Walli;

Please find attached Essex Powerlines Corporation's response to Board staff interrogatories dated December 11, 2008.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. Dimmel'.

Richard Dimmel,
General Manager

**Board Staff Interrogatories
2009 Incentive Regulation Mechanism Rate Application
Essex Powerlines Corporation
EB-2008-0174**

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.

RESPONSE:

Essex Powerlines does plan to implement a smart meter program in 2009. At the time of filing the 2009 IRM model, Essex Powerlines did not have an approved Smart Meter Implementation plan and therefore filed under the “continuing” option available on sheet J1.1.

Essex Powerlines has been named in legislation and is in the process of developing the business case for the implementation of smart meters to be submitted to the Ontario Energy Board in the 1st quarter of 2009.