

November 28, 2011

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary, Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Re: Request for Cost Award Eligibility - Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity

Dear Ms. Walli,

I am writing to formally request eligibility of our organizations for the above noted initiative and, in particular, elements related to: Regulatory Framework for Regional Planning for Electricity Infrastructure (EB-2011-0043); Approaches o Mitigation for Electricity Transmitters and Distributors (EB-2010-0378); and Defining and Measuring the Performance of Electricity Transmitters and Distributors (EB-2010-0379).

Collectively, consideration of these key policy frameworks may have significant implications for the province's waterpower sector. The Association has demonstrated the specific and unique contribution of and issues related to the waterpower sector in numerous Board proceedings, most recently as the applicant of EB-2011-0067. We have also demonstrated our ability to work in collaboration with others where there are shared interests (e.g. EB-2008-0003) to advance regulatory efficiency.

While I acknowledge that this request is being brought forward beyond the original deadline for cost award applications, this matter and its urgency was only recently brought to my attention as the OWA's legal counsel in previous matters (e.g. IPSP) is currently unavailable.

I hope you will consider this request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely;

Paul Norris President

**Ontario Waterpower Association**