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***VIA EMAIL***

Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
Suite 2700  
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

**Attention:** Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity  
Board File No.: EB-2011-0004

We are counsel in this instance for Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce (NOACC).

In response to the Ontario Energy Board letter, dated November 8, 2011, NOACC respectfully requests cost eligibility status for EB-2011-0004, developing guidance for implementation of the smart grid. NOACC further relies on its letter to OEB dated April 11, 2011, where it sought and received, although qualified, cost eligibility in the consultation process being initiated by the Board on Regional Planning for Electricity Infrastructure (EB-2011-0043), for its submission for costs eligibility in EB-2011-0004.

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NOACC is aware of collateral applications for participant status of Common Voice Northwest (CVNW) as an interested person in both EB-2011-0043 and EB-2011 0004. NOACC will collaborate with CVNW.

NOACC primarily represent over 2000 commercial and business consumers, primarily small business, in their capacity as ratepayers to regulated services. NOACC covers a large geographical area that includes every Chamber of Commerce from Marathon to the Manitoba border.

NOACC's members are directly impacted by the promotion of the smart grid, and seek to participate in the discussion regarding its regional implementation and regulatory framework. Issues such as the integration of renewable energy into the distribution system; investment in and modernization of the grid; price, reliability and quality of service to consumers; developing principles for the evaluation criteria for the regulated entities are all topics to which have a profound impact and public interest to the consumer to whom NOACC primarily represents. NOACC is in a position to provide the OEB clearly defined consumer needs with respect to regulatory services.

Please contact the undersigned should further information or clarification be required.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours very truly,

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