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Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board Suite 2701 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Secretary:

Re: EB-2006-0207 Integrated Power System Plan

We are counsel to the Consumers Council of Canada ("CCC"). We write to advise you of the CCC's desire to participate in the Board's consideration of the principles that will guide its review of the OPA's IPSP and Procurement Processes, and of the filing guidelines in relation to the IPSP.

The CCC's Board of Directors, at its meeting on September 8, 2006, received a report on the state of the OPA's IPSP, including the Board's consideration of the IPSP. The Board of Directors instructed us to participate in both the OPA's and the Board's processes dealing with the IPSP. Through simple inadvertence, we neglected to advise the Board, by the September 15, 2005, filing deadline, of the CCC's desire to participate in the Board's IPSP process, and of the CCC's intention to request an award of costs for that participation. The failure to advise the Board of the CCC's desire to participate, and of its intention to request an award of costs, is our fault, and not that of the CCC.

The CCC is a non-profit, public interest entity which represents the interests of the broad array of residential consumers of electricity in the province. The CCC has participated in most, if not all, of the Board's processes considering matters related to the supply and pricing of electricity in the Province. The CCC's participation in the Board's review of the OPA's IPSP is, therefore, a natural extension of the CCC's role in representing the interests of residential consumers in matters related to the generation and transmission of electricity.

The CCC has no funds of its own to support its participation in the Board's processes. Without an award of costs, the CCC would be unable to participate.

We are aware that the Board has issued a decision on cost eligibility. Notwithstanding that, we would appreciate the Board considering the CCC's application for eligibility for a cost award for its participation in this process.

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