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John Zych
Ontario Energy Board
26th Floor
2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Zych:

Re: Cost Allocation Review/EB 2005-0317

We are counsel to the Consumers Council of Canada (the "Council"). On behalf of our client we wish to advise you of our client's request for a cost award for its participation in the Cost Allocation Review ("CAR").

By way of background, the Council represents the interests of the broad spectrum of residential consumers of electricity in Ontario. Our client has been an active participant in many Ontario Energy Board ("Board") proceedings dealing with both the restructuring of the electricity sector and with applications, by various local distribution companies, for approval of their rates. In all cases in which the Council has participated it has been deemed eligible to receive 100% of its reasonably-incurred costs.

The Council is a non-profit, public interest organization. From time to time it receives grants to conduct targeted research on consumer issues, in a number of areas. The Council has no funds available to support its participation in the CAR process.

The results of the CAR process will have a material effect on the rates to be paid by residential consumers for electricity. It is, therefore, essential that residential consumers be represented in the CAR process. It is also a matter of fairness that residential consumers have sufficient resources available to them to participate, given that other stakeholders, particularly those with a commercial interest in the outcome of the CAR process, will have substantial resources available to them to ensure that their interests are fully protected.

By separate letter our client will be nominating its consultant, Julie Girvan, to participate in the Technical Advisory Team.

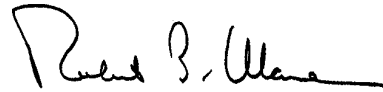
All communications with respect to the CAR process should be sent to the writer and to Ms Girvan. Ms Girvan's contact information is as follows: Julie Girvan, 2 Penrose Road, Toronto, Ontario, M4S 1P1 tel: 416-322-7936, fax: 416-322-9703, email: jgirvan@ca.inter.net.

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Yours very truly,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Warren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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cc: Julie Girvan
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Peter Dyne

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