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Dear Review Participants:

Thank you for your letter of April 26, 2013. The Joint Review Panel appreciates the effort that you have taken to provide us with this coordinated submission.

The Panel intends to maintain the end date of May 24, 2013, for the comment period on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Licence Application for the Deep Geologic Repository Project. Further, the Panel does not find it necessary to reissue the recent Public Notice as you have requested. The information below is provided to help you understand and support these decisions.

On April 30, 2013, Ontario Power Generation provided the following to the Panel:

- the final 6 information request responses from package #9
- one outstanding licencing information request from response package #4
- 19 information request responses from package #10

These responses have been posted on the registry as Doc [#989](#) and Doc [#990](#).

Ontario Power Generation has committed to providing responses to 3 outstanding information requests by May 15, 2013. The Panel anticipates that this will allow sufficient time for participants to review these responses and provide their opinion to the Panel on adequacy in relation to the requirements of the EIS Guidelines in advance of the close of the comment period.

As you know, the Panel seeks the opinion of outside parties, and government agencies in particular, on the adequacy of information request responses by Ontario Power Generation. It may also receive unsolicited submissions from government agencies or other review participants such as yourselves. Some of the

submissions identify perceived inadequacies in the information request responses and others provide information and opinions on the project or on a variety of other topics. All of the submissions received will be considered by the Panel as it deliberates and reaches its own conclusions on adequacy of the information in meeting the requirements of the EIS Guidelines.

The Panel acknowledges that it has requested advice from government agencies that has not yet been provided. All of the outstanding solicited advice, however, is expected to be received in advance of the close of the comment period on May 24, 2014.

The Panel has been clear in stating that the comment period is an opportunity for participants to provide their views on whether the EIS and licence application documents adequately address the requirements set out in the EIS Guidelines. Following the close of the comment period on May 24, the Panel may take up to 30 days to determine if the information provided by Ontario Power Generation is adequate to allow a public hearing for the project to be scheduled. Additional opportunities to make submissions to the Panel will be provided through the public hearing process. Details on these opportunities will be provided by the Panel should the review proceed to the hearing phase.

The Panel Members hope that this letter has provided clarity with respect to the review and that you are able to accept the time limits of the process. Thank you very much for your ongoing participation in the Deep Geologic Repository Project review.

Yours truly,

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