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Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box. 2319
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Cost Eligibility Request on Behalf of the
Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
Board File No. EB-2010-0059 – Transmission Project Development Planning**

We are writing this letter to request cost award eligibility in this proceeding on behalf of the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association OSEA.

Request for Cost Award Eligibility

OSEA requests that it be granted cost award eligibility for the following reasons:

- I. It is a province-wide, non-profit organization representing more than 150 members including individuals and non-profit/community organizations that advocate for a variety of interest groups such as ratepayers, co-operative organizations, farmers, First Nations and municipalities. A list of its members can be found at: <http://www.ontario-sea.org>;
- II. Membership is centered on the vision that every Ontarian is a conserver and generator of sustainable energy either through a household or through a local community owned business, contributing to the transition to 100% sustainable energy. Its membership includes generators, suppliers to the renewable energy industry as well as members seeking a level playing field in order to more fully participate in the renewable energy industry through the promotion of generation and conservation.
- III. OSEA participated in the Transmission Cost Connection Responsibility Review through the preparation of a joint-submission with one of its members, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve.



- IV. OSEA's primary concern, in this proceeding, is to represent the consumer interests of its membership who will require the services of transmitters to connect their project.
- V. OSEA intends to draw upon its constituents to actively participate as it has done in other relevant proceedings and intends to provide a valuable and meaningful contribution to the Board's consultation process.

OSEA seeks funding for the participation of its counsel and may draw upon its expert advisors (Ms. Judy Simon, IndEco Strategic Consulting and Marion Fraser, Fraser & Company), if necessary. Copies of our CVs are attached to this submission.

OSEA requests that it be determined eligible for a cost award on the following grounds:

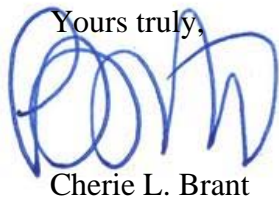
- I. OSEA represents consumers as customers of transmitters;
- II. OSEA is a not for profit organization that is committed to representing the public interest on energy policy matters that contribute or impede sustainable development for Ontario;
- III. OSEA does not have funds of its own to allocate towards its meaningful participation in this matter.

OSEA requests that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following parties:

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Yours truly,

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Encl.

cc: Mr. Kristopher Stevens, Executive Director, OSEA
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