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Board Secretary, Ontario Energy Board
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Re: File Number EB-2011-0004 (Smart Grid Working Group)

Dear Ms. Walli,

I am submitting a request to participate in the OEB Smart Grid Working Group (SGWG). I am a Senior Program Officer (Electricity), with Measurement Canada. Measurement Canada is the federal agency responsible for ensuring that businesses and consumers receive fair and accurate measure in transactions involving the trade of goods based on measurement. The agency develops and administers the laws and requirements governing measurement; evaluates, approves and certifies measuring devices; and investigates complaints of suspected inaccurate measurement. Measurement Canada's mandate is to ensure the integrity and accuracy of trade measurement in Canada through the administration and enforcement of the *Weights and Measures Act* and Regulations, and the *Electricity and Gas Inspection Act* (EGIA) and Regulations.

Measurement Canada has been communicating with the OEB in recent years on various provincial initiatives and the impacts of their application as concerns the administration of the EGIA. The Agency seeks to build on the successes of this constructive communication network to ensure that relevant aspects of the EGIA and Regulations are considered during the development stages of provincial electricity market initiatives. As such, the Agency would like to continue the existing collaborative efforts by requesting participation in the SGWG. It is intended that my role would be limited to aspects related to Measurement Canada's mandate, such as provision of information pursuant to the EGIA, Regulations and Specifications which may be pertinent for the SGWG to consider within the scope of its mandate. I would essentially act as liaison between the SGWG and Measurement Canada but would not be involved in non-metrological aspects of the SGWG's development work. Measurement Canada currently also has a representative who performs a similar role on the Canadian National Committee / International Electrotechnical Commission - Smart Grid Task Force. So this provides a good opportunity to ensure consistency in terms of the impact of provincial and national smart grid initiatives as relates to the administration of the EGIA.

It is hoped that a majority of the bi-weekly meetings to be held by the SGWG would be accomplished via teleconference. Could you please confirm if that is the case. A response via email to the coordinates below would be appreciated.

Sincere regards,

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