

August 12, 2014

Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Walli;

Re: Regional Infrastructure Planning – Establishing the Regional Planning Standing Committee (“RPSC”); Board File Number: EB-2011-0043

Horizon Utilities Corporation (“Horizon Utilities”) appreciates the opportunity to nominate a participant for the Regional Planning Standing Committee (“RPSC”).

Horizon Utilities is supportive of the establishment of this standing committee initiated by the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB” or the “Board”).

Horizon Utilities is one of the largest local distribution companies (“LDCs”) in Ontario, with 240,000 customers, servicing the cities of Hamilton and St. Catharines. Horizon Utilities’ service territory resides in two of the 21 recommended planning regions as identified in the OEB’s Regional Infrastructure Planning Process Working Group Report to the Board. The City of Hamilton is in the Burlington to Nanticoke area; the City of St. Catharines is in the Niagara planning area.

Horizon Utilities understands that the insight provided by the RPSC will both: align with the objectives set out for the industry in the Board’s *Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity - A Performance Based Approach* (“RRFE”); and will assist implementation of the cost-effective development of the electricity structure in Ontario.

Horizon Utilities is nominating Mr. Jim Butler, Director, Engineering and Operations to participate in the RPSC. Mr. Butler is a Professional Engineer and has over 22 years of experience in the electricity industry in Ontario. Mr. Butler’s practical and technical expertise would be invaluable to the RPSC.

Mr. Butler has over 22 years’ experience in the electricity industry in Ontario and would bring the following skills and experience to this initiative:

- Active Sector Working Group Participation;
 - OEB’s Asset Redefinition of the Regional Infrastructure Planning Process working groups;
 - OEB’s Reliability Data Working Group (EB-2010-0249);
 - Member of The Electricity Distributors Association (“EDA”) Technical Issues Caucus (2 years);
- Extensive knowledge and responsibility for the planning and operation of Horizon Utilities’ distribution system;
- Integral in developing Horizon Utilities’ Distribution System Plan (“DSP”) for the 5 year Custom IR Application (EB-2014-0002); and

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- In-depth experience and collaboration with Hydro One Networks Inc. on regional planning outcomes.

Horizon Utilities confirms that Mr. Butler will be available to attend the meetings of the RPSC when scheduled by the OEB.

Horizon Utilities is pleased to participate in this proceeding and looks forward to playing an active and dedicated role with respect to the RPSC, should the Board accept this nomination.

Yours truly,

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