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Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
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Toronto, Ontario  
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**Attn: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary**

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2015-0141 – Motion to R&V Decision EB-2013-0416/247 – SEC Correspondence**

We are counsel to the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”). We have received correspondence from counsel to the Carriers today, seeking an adjournment of the Technical Conference to be held on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, so that it may engage in settlement discussions with Hydro One alone on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

SEC strongly opposes this specific request and the process of any exclusionary settlement discussions that Hydro One and the Carriers are undertaking. The process outlined in the letter appears to be an attempt by Hydro One and the Carriers to cut ratepayers out from any settlement discussions that the Board has scheduled to take place on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

This is inappropriate and undermines the existing Board process set out in Procedural Order No. 4. Furthermore, it is the distribution ratepayers, not Hydro One, who will be affected by any settlement reached with the Carriers, as the revenue from pole attachments acts as a revenue offset to the revenue requirement approved in EB-2013-0416.

The Board should deny the request by the Carriers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours very truly,  
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