



February 16, 2007

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli,

**RE: LDC Self-Nomination
Multi-Year Electricity Distribution Rate Setting Plan
Selection of Electricity LDCs for Rebasing
EB-2006-0330**

On December 19, 2006, the Ontario Energy Board issued a letter to LDCs which included a Discussion Paper by Board Staff regarding the Screening Methodology to Establish a Rebasing Schedule for Electricity LDCs. The Discussion Paper included a proposal for mapping LDCs into groupings for rebasing and setting of rates in the three years 2008, 2009, and 2010. As part of the criteria to be considered in determining the year of rebasing, LDC self nomination (Section 3.3) gave LDCs an opportunity to provide information directly to the Board concerning special circumstances that may not otherwise come to the Board's attention for scheduling decisions.

In response to Section 3.3 of the Board's Discussion Paper, and in light of special circumstances, Whitby Hydro wishes to self nominate itself to be included in the group of LDCs scheduled to rebase for the 2009 rate year. Whitby Hydro has identified significant capital spending with respect to a new Municipal Substation and associated infrastructure which is scheduled for completion in 2009. This major investment is necessary to meet the substantial growth of customers in our service area and maintain appropriate levels of service and reliability moving forward.

Whitby Hydro agrees with Board Staff's view that a LDC's unique circumstances should be considered as part of the overall criteria in the decision making process to determine tranches for rate setting during 2008-2010.

In the absence of finalized criteria and additional direction from the Board at this time with regards to the self-nomination process, Whitby Hydro appreciates the Board's consideration of our request for self-nomination to rebase for the 2009 rate year.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require any further information at this time.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ramona Abi-Rashed".

Ramona Abi-Rashed
Treasurer