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

Re: Comments of the Independent Electricity System Operator Regarding Staff Proposal on Minimum Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Rate and Leave to Construct Applications (EB-2006-0170)

The IESO commends the Ontario Energy Board) on its effort to streamline the overall review and approval process for transmission projects. We recognize that the review and approval process for transmission projects may have become more complex with the advent of the Integrated Power System Plan process. However, we believe that these processes can be aligned and executed efficiently while respecting the minimum regulatory screens and tests that are required of the Board by the enabling legislation and regulations.

Please find enclosed three (3) copies of the Independent Electricity System Operator's comments in the above-captioned matter. The electronic files are also provided by way of email.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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