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To: BoardSec
Cc: Laurie Reid; Wayne Clark; Mark Garner
Subject: EB-2007-0031 Review of Electricity Distribution Rate Design

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Dear Ms Walli,

I am writing to ask the Board's permission for AMPCO to join the ongoing consultation process to review electricity distribution rate design. I understand that the process has been underway for some months and that our request comes substantially late. I would propose to waive our right to comment on material where those comment deadlines have passed. I do not wish to hold up the process in any way, just to join in.

With the Board's consent, Mr. Wayne Clark would represent AMPCO, its members and the interests of other major power consumers in the process. Mr. Clark's extensive and direct experience in the distribution business and his previous and concurrent participation in other OEB processes regarding distribution sector costs, rates and regulation should allay any concerns about our preparedness to join this consultation in progress. Mr. Clark is well-known and extremely knowledgeable and will make a constructive addition to the Board process. Mr. Clark's CV is attached for your further reference.

I understand that a meeting is planned for tomorrow afternoon at the Board. I have taken the liberty of asking Mr. Clark to attend this meeting, anticipating that there would be no impediment to his presence, if only as an observer pending the Board's consideration of our request. Please advise if my assumption is inappropriate.

I am also requesting eligibility for funding to facilitate our participation on an ongoing basis. The Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO) is a not-for-profit consumer interest advocacy organization. AMPCO's members are not only major power consumers, we are major investors, major employers and we play an important role in the communities in which we operate. AMPCO represents major power consumers in every important sector of the economy. AMPCO members together spend more than \$1 billion on electricity every year. While AMPCO members are major power consumers, AMPCO's advocacy for reliable supplies at affordable prices speaks for the interests of all electricity consumers. As major power consumers, our advocacy for appropriate investment in and efficient operation and maintenance of Ontario's electricity system speaks to a basic public interest in critical infrastructure.

AMPCO members are interested in promoting efficiency in the construction, maintenance and operation of electricity distribution infrastructure in Ontario. Whether served by transmission companies or by distribution companies, all major power consumers share an interest in the Board's initiatives to improve the way these companies are regulated. AMPCO supports the Board's development of principles and methodologies for incentive regulation mechanisms for electricity distribution companies.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional

information.

Regards,

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