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Attention: Board Secretary

Reference: Expression of Interest to Participate in the Consultation on Rate Design (Reference Document EB-007-0031) with Associated Cost Awards

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please accept this letter as an expression of interest to participate, with cost awards, in the upcoming Review of Electricity Distribution Rate Design (OEB document EB-2007-0031).

I intend to submit written comments on the Staff Discussion Paper titled "Rate Design for Electricity Distributors: Overview and Scoping" (EB-2007-0031), dated March 30, 2007, and I wish to be on the distribution list for future developments in this consultation.

Further, I wish to request cost eligibility, and submit the following justification:

Under section 3.03(a) of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards, comments that I submit will be in representing my clients, all of whom are consumers. Mindscape is a consulting and contracting company specializing in sustainable design and renewable energy, and our daily business therefore focuses on energy conservation and on renewable energy generation systems. Our clients comprise of home builders, municipalities, commercial and industrial facility owners, farmers, and home owners. Our projects require that we negotiate connection agreements with local distribution utilities (LDCs), and we have encountered several challenges with the current rate design that we feel affect the degree to which LDCs are cooperative or resistive of our projects. I wish to become personally involved with the rate design process as a means by which to help resolve some of these challenges that we have been facing.

Further, I personally am a director at two community energy groups (Community Renewable Energy Waterloo and Local Initiative for Future Energy) who are member organizations within the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association. I am therefore able to speak with some authority on the impact that rate design is having on community energy coops and other similar groups,

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which is a matter of the public interest respected by section 3.03(b) of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Neither Mindscape nor I personally will receive any other funding for time invested in review of OEB Staff Discussion Papers, and we will not be retaining any external lawyers, analysts, or consultants for such purposes. This letter discusses time which I personally wish to invest, as a cost eligible consultant, in reviewing the Staff Discussion Paper referenced above.

A summary of my CV is available online at www.mi-group.ca/keystaff.html, or I would be pleased to forward a more formal copy at your request.

I look forward to your reply, and thereafter will submit my comments for the May 15 deadline.

Best regards,



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