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Dear Ms Walli

Ms Kirsten Walli **Board Secretary** Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street Toronto, ON, M4P 1E4

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Re: EB-2007-0630 Distributed Generation: Rates and Connection – OSEA intervention

- 1. The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) hereby gives notice of its intention to intervene in this matter and requests that it be found eligible for costs.
- 2. Organizational information: The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association is a public interest group established in May 1999 and is a provincial non-profit association of local organizations developing sustainable energy projects in and for their communities. OSEA aims to initiate, facilitate and support the work of community based sustainable energy organizations across Ontario. By offering introductory and advanced workshops on topics ranging from project start-up to green power technologies, OSEA aims to catalyze the efforts of community organizers. As an umbrella organization, OSEA works to build a network of communities so that groups can pool their efforts. OSEA's mission includes taking a leadership role and being a public voice for community-based sustainable energy initiatives.

OSEA has approximately 30 full and associate members. A full member must be formally incorporated as a non-profit organization or cooperative and, subscribe to the mission of OSEA. The group may be planning or actively pursuing community sustainable energy projects. Only full members may participate in the governance of OSEA. An associate member need not be incorporated but must be a community based organization working on, or planning community sustainable energy projects and that subscribes to the mission statement of OSEA. In addition OSEA has individual and corporate supporting members who are not eligible to participate in the organization's governance. It is believed that only one OSEA member (Windshare) has thus far progressed to the stage of being a licenced generator.

OSEA is described on the Trillium Foundation website as follows: "Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) is the force behind the increasing number of Ontarians interested in green power alternatives. OSEA relentlessly works at making community green power initiatives a widely acceptable option for meeting Ontario's energy needs." OSEA has been honoured with the 'Minister's Award' - "for generating the most impact across the province".

- 3. The OSEA's primary interest in these proceedings is in regard to reducing barriers to clean and efficient distributed generation as an alternative to dirtier, riskier and more expensive centralized generation.
- 4. OSEA will be an active participant and expects to file written comments on staff's discussion paper. OSEA is currently searching for consulting assistance. OSEA's counsel also acts for GEC in this matter and we expect to coordinate our efforts to avoid duplication.
- 4. We request that OSEA be placed on the distribution list and documents be sent to:

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Sincerely,

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