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Integrated Power System Plan (IPSP) Proceeding

Comment on Ontario Power Authority Issues List

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (attach separate paper if necessary)

1. Does the list capture what you feel needs to be reviewed by the Ontario Energy Board?

The issues list misses 2 important considerations.

A. Does the plan deal with the issue of manpower? Can the work required get done without a plan for people? The IPSP is an aggressive plan over a relatively short period? Will the Transmitters and Generator have enough internal talent to deal with the operation and maintenance of the new and existing plant in a cost effective manner?

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Does the IPSP anticipate and plan for a human resource strategy? Is there a Human Resource plan in place to support the new build and the reliability of the system? - Ontario's Integrated Power System Plan is doomed to failure without a sustainable electrical industry. A sustainable industry is dependent on a sustainable human resource plan.

All areas of the power system require significant maintenance work and/or the construction of new facilities. This work will require a highly trained, skilled and experienced work force to engineer, plan and construct the new facilities, while at the same time continuing to maintain and operate existing plant.

With the fragmentation of the industry among the successor companies of Ontario Hydro, in addition to the arrival of many new private sector participants, there is greater need for a consolidated plan to train and develop the human resources needed for a sustainable power system in the province of Ontario.

The Canadian Electricity Association has prepared a comprehensive review of current staffing levels in the electrical industry. Although this study raises a number of alarm bells with regards to staffing, it provides little in terms of an action plan.

The Society is very concerned that there is no plan to enhance and develop the necessary human resources, neither are we aware of any rigorous plans developed one by any of the employers. We believe that the lack of serious consideration on this topic constitutes a major gap in the IPSP.

2. Is there anything you feel needs to be added to the proposed Issues List?

B. Has the IPSP maximized the full potential of OPG? Should OPG be permitted to expand their participation in the overall electricity supply including alternative energy sources and renewable energy?

Currently OPG is restricted in the amount of power it can deliver and the manner in which it is produced. In order to ensure price stability and adequacy of supply, OPG should be permitted to compete in the market, especially when it comes to alternative energy and renewable sources. At this time, OPG is in effect subsidizing other market players who receive incentives to produce power.

In light of the important role of wind power in fulfilling the commitment to renewable generation in the IPSP and in light of the Board's mandate and the concerns of Ontario ratepayers with respect to the future cost of electricity in this Province, the Society believes that the exclusion of Ontario Power Generation from wind power generation is imprudent and is properly an issue before the OEB as part of the IPSP hearings.

3. Is there anything you feel needs to be deleted from the proposed Issues List?

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