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Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street Suite 2700 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: London Property Management Association Notice of Participation – EB-2006-0266 – Regulatory Treatment of LDCs' Conservation and Demand Management Activities beyond September, 2007

Please find attached seven copies of a Notice of Participation of the London Property Management Association in the above noted process, including a request for the determination of cost eligibility. An electronic copy has also been sent to boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca by e-mail.

If you require any further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Randy Aiken

Randy Aiken Aiken & Associates

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NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION OF LONDON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Statement of Interest

- 1. The London Property Management Association ("LPMA") is a non-profit organization whose overall goal is to help property managers and those who own/operate residential income properties in the City of London and surrounding communities. The LPMA offers information and assistance to its members to help them deal with the legislation, rules and regulations that affect their business.
- 2. LPMA is made up of approximately 350 members ranging from single unit owners to managers and owners of in excess of 2,000 units. The membership consists of a representative cross section of the rental property owners in the London area. In total, the LPMA members own or manage more than 35,000 rental units in the London area.
- 3. LPMA members receive regulated service from local electricity distributors. The membership of the LPMA wishes to participate in this project because of the issues and impacts that may be raised by this proceeding. LPMA is interested in the delivery of effective and cost efficient Conservation and Demand Management programs including those available to its members.

Participation

- 4. LPMA hereby gives notice of its intention to participate in this process.
- 5. LPMA reserves the right to be provide the Board with written submissions on Board Staff's Discussion Paper.
- 6. LPMA hereby requests that the Board and all other parties provide it with copies of all material related to the proceeding.

Cost Eligibility

- 7. LPMA intends to seek an award of costs. LPMA believes that it is eligible for an award of costs based on the Board's eligibility criteria and requests the Board's determination of such cost eligibility.
- 8. As indicated above, the LPMA is comprised of small and mid-sized commercial customers that take regulated services from electricity distributors. Its members have a substantial interest in these proceedings, including all issues that affect rates and services available to them, including the availability of Conservation and Demand Management programs and the level and allocation of the associated costs, revenues, variance accounts and other regulatory treatment.

- 9. The Board's cost eligibility criteria, found in Section 3 of the Practice Directions on Cost Awards, includes a number of criteria related to the LPMA. Specifically, Section 3.03 states that a party is eligible to apply for a cost award where the party primarily represents the direct interests of consumers (e.g. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services. As indicated above, the LPMA is intervening on behalf of its members which are consumers (i.e. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services provided by electricity distributors. As such, the LPMA submits that it is eligible for a cost award under Section 3.03.
- 10. The LPMA notes that it has been found to be eligible for an award of costs in similar processes for utility rate cases and natural gas Demand Side Management proceedings.

Communications

11. All communications related to this Notice of Participation and to this proceeding should be directed to:

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DATED at Chatham, Ontario this 13th day of December, 2006.

LONDON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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