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December 22, 2006

VIA COURIER AND EMAIL

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge St. Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli,

Re:

Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

Notice of Intervention: EB-2006-0266

Please find enclosed the Notice of Participation of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) in the above-noted proceeding.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Michael Buonaguro Counsel for VECC

NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION

OF THE

VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION (VECC)

RE: EB-2006-0266

To:

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

- The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) hereby expresses its intention to participate in the above-mentioned proceeding. VECC consists of the following organizations:
 - (a) The Federation of Metro Tenants Association
 - (b) The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO)
- 2. The Federation of the Metro Tenants Association is a non-profit corporation composed of over ninety-two affiliated tenants associations, individual tenants, housing organizations, and members of non-profit housing co-ops. In addition to encouraging the organization of tenants and the promotion of decent and affordable housing, the Federation provides general information, advice, and assistance to tenants. The address is:

500-27 Carlton Street Toronto, ON M5B 1L2

 The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO) is a coalition of over 120 senior groups as well as individual members across Ontario. OCSCO represents the concerns of over 500,000 senior citizens through its group and individual members. OCSCO's mission is to improve the quality of life for Ontario's seniors. OCSCO's address is:

500-3101 Bathurst Street Toronto, ON M6A 2A6

- 4. VECC believes it is important for it to intervene in this proceeding to ensure that the long-term regulatory framework put in place to address rate-related and equity matters stemming from LDC involvement in the delivery of CDM programs funded both by the OPA and through distribution rates, is responsive to the concerns of vulnerable consumers.
- VECC has been directly involved in all Ontario Energy Board CDM proceedings since 2004 and has also been active in the natural gas DSM generic hearing, advocating for CDM and DSM measures on behalf on vulnerable consumers including targeted low income programs. VECC is also an active participant in the OPA CDM Program Design Advisory Group.
- Additionally VECC is an active intervenor with respect to the various board proceedings establishing rate regulation for electric LDCs across the province.
- 7. VECC employs the services of Econalysis Consulting Services to assist in its interventions before the Ontario Energy Board, consultants with experience in CDM design and implementation in rates in jurisdictions across Canada.

8. The name and address of the agent authorized to receive documents on behalf of VECC is:

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9. VECC would request that all correspondence and documentation also be copied to VECC's consultant:

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8. VECC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding. As a coalition representing the direct interests of consumers, VECC submits that it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure and its Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3).

DATED AT TORONTO, THIS 22nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2006

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