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Peter O'Dell
Ontario Energy Board
26th Floor 2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Mr. O'Dell:

Re: 2006 Electricity Distribution Rates (2006 EDR)

We are counsel to the Consumers Council of Canada. Our client has instructed us to advise the Board of its intention to participate in the 2006 EDR process.

Because of conflicting obligations, no representative of the CCC was able to attend the Pre-Consultation meeting held at the Ontario Science Centre last week. We understand that the Board has asked for submissions on preliminary issues, to be delivered by July 16, 2004. The CCC will make every effort to deliver submissions on preliminary issues by that date. However, because of conflicting obligations to the completion of the pending Enbridge Gas Distribution Rates case, it may be impossible to do so.

The issue of whether, or to what extent, funding will be made available to allow participation by groups like the CCC in the 2006 EDR process has not been resolved. It is essential that that issue be resolved so that the CCC can determine the nature and extent of its participation in the process.

We would appreciate your sending all future communications with respect to the EDR process to the writer, and to the CCC's consultant, Ms Julie Girvan. Ms Girvan's contact information is as follows:

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Yours very truly,

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