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via email and RESS - signed original to follow by mail

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: Frequent Intervenors - SIA Annual Filing

Dear Ms. Walli,

The Ontario Energy Board's ("OEB") revised Rules of Practice and Procedure and Practice Direction on Cost Awards both require that "frequent intervenors" annually disclose and file with the OEB certain information about their organization's mandate, objectives, membership, and authorized representatives.

While the Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (the "SIA") does not consider itself a particularly "frequent" intervenor, it has participated in several OEB proceedings relevant to its mandate over the past year, and hopes to maintain this limited but targeted level of involvement in similar upcoming proceedings.

As such, the SIA believes that providing the attached summary of its mandate and objectives would be beneficial to the OEB and the public, and in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Board's annual information disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

[original signed by]

Robert Sutton
Director, SIA of Ontario



SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE ALLIANCE OF ONTARIO

The Sustainable Infrastructure Alliance of Ontario (the "SIA") is a public interest group whose mission is to advocate for prudent, cost effective, and equitably financed investment in public infrastructure.

Our membership consists of citizens and ratepayers of varying backgrounds concerned with the future reliability and sustainability of infrastructure in Ontario. The motivation of these individuals is often sparked by personal experiences – the 2013 ice storm, for example, resulted in a large number of people looking to groups such as the SIA through which to raise their concerns about extended power outages. Similar infrastructure failures, whether high profile or localized, all trigger the same concerns amongst our members, and ultimately serve to underpin the SIA's mission: to ensure that citizens and ratepayers of Ontario are adequately served by existing infrastructure, and that the citizens and ratepayers of the future will have access to an equally reliable and robust system.

Through information sharing, discussion, and participation in public forums, the SIA advocates for policies that will ensure sustainable investment in infrastructure for current and future generations. Our membership is predominantly located in the GTA area, but our involvement extends to various communities throughout Ontario.

While our interests extend beyond the energy industry to issues such as transportation and public transit, a majority of our efforts are directed specifically towards the operations of gas and electric utilities. Within the context of proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board, the SIA's mandate generally narrows down to three specific objectives:

1) Prudent Capital Investment

As an organization primarily concerned about sustainable infrastructure investment, the SIA advocates for capital investments by utilities that are prudent, efficiently implemented, and provide value for customers by allowing for a robust and reliable energy network in Ontario. By contrast, the SIA is cautious of any proposed investments by utilities that may be inefficient, unnecessary, or excessive, especially in as much as such more discretionary projects would divert limited funding resources away from potentially more critical investment needs.

Fundamentally, the SIA advocates for a reasonable balance between the level of investment in infrastructure, and the magnitude of rate increases that are required to allow for that objective to be accomplished.

2) Efficiency of Operations

The SIA's interest in efficiency of operations is two-fold. First, the SIA aims to ensure that infrastructure is efficiently and prudently maintained, such that it does not age or fail prematurely or in a catastrophic, unsafe, or uncontrolled manner. Second, the SIA advocates for

an overall efficiency of operations in order to control costs. Given that funding constraints always place limits on the amount of capital investment and renewal that can be undertaken by any entity, the SIA is sensitive to any spending that it views as unnecessary or inefficient, as this would necessarily reduce the amount of funding available for other more prudent work, and/or more importantly, unnecessarily result in rates to customers that are higher than necessary.

3) Equitable Cost Allocation and Recovery

As the SIA represents a variety of ratepayers, it does not advocate in favor of any one particular rate class. However, it is generally concerned and does attempt to ensure that no single rate class is unfairly treated with regard to cost allocation and recovery. Infrastructure investment affects everyone, and the SIA believes that it is important that the costs of this infrastructure are appropriately and fairly borne by all who benefit from it.

The SIA is currently represented in regulatory proceedings before the OEB by its retained consultant, Mr. Dionisio Rivera.