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To: All Registered Participants in EB-2011-0052

Re: Staff Assessment Plan in relation to the Preliminary Assessment of Incentive Regulation Plans of the Natural Gas Utilities

The purpose of this letter is to notify participants of the release of staff's Assessment Plan, which has been posted on the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca.

On February 25, 2011, a letter was issued announcing that the Board has decided to conduct a preliminary assessment of the incentive regulation plans of the natural gas utilities. This assessment is intended to assist the Board in better understanding how the incentive regulation plans functioned during the plan terms.

On April 29, 2011 staff held a stakeholder meeting. To enhance transparency staff has prepared the Assessment Plan as discussed at that meeting. This Plan includes a description of the process, scope of work and stakeholder feedback from the meeting.

Questions regarding this consultation should be directed to Laurie Klein at 416-440-7661 or by e-mail at laurie.klein@ontarioenergyboard.ca. The Board's toll free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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