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BY E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING

Mr. Bruce Campbell President and Chief Executive Officer Independent Electricity System Operator 1600-120 Adelaide Street West Toronto, ON M5H 1T1

Dear Mr. Campbell:

## RE: **Market Surveillance Panel Investigation Report**

The Market Surveillance Panel's (MSP) Report on an Investigation into Possible Gaming Behaviour Related to Congestion Management Settlement Credit Payments by Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada and Bowater Canadian Forest Products Inc. was posted today on the OEB's website. In its Report, the MSP concludes that the two market participants, through deliberate market conduct, engaged in gaming in relation to Congestion Management Settlement Credit (CMSC) payments at a time when they were operating as dispatchable loads.

When the conduct that is the subject of the MSP's Report was noted by the MSP in one of its semi-annual monitoring reports, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) moved quickly to address two of the major sources of CMSC payments at issue. The MSP notes that the remaining sources of CMSC payments for dispatchable loads have the potential to be unwarranted, and has included in its Report a recommendation that the IESO review those payments and, if necessary, make further amendments to the Market Rules to eliminate unwarranted CMSC payments to dispatchable loads.

I would appreciate if you would advise me in writing within 30 days of: a) the steps that the IESO plans to take in response to the recommendation in the MSP's Report and the timelines for completion of those steps; and b) whether, in the IESO's view, any actions or market rule amendments, in addition to those reflected in the MSP's recommendation, should be taken or initiated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or wish to discuss the above.

Yours truly,

Rosemarie Leclair

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cc Glenn Leslie, Chair, Market Surveillance Panel