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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND COURIER

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Mr. Michel L. Mantha
Secretary
National Energy Board
444 Seventh Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta
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Dear Mr. Mantha:

Re: Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Application for New Electricity Export Permit (Emergency Power and Energy Exports)

Please find enclosed an application by the IESO for a new emergency export permit for a term of ten (10) years commencing on July 10, 2006 (the "Application"). The IESO currently holds Permit EPE-177 authorizing it to export emergency power and energy at points on the international boundary between Ontario and the United States of America. The permit expires on July 9, 2006.

Section 9(g) of the *National Energy Board Electricity Regulations* requires an applicant for an export permit to file with the Board "a copy of any electricity transfer agreement that covers the proposed exportation of electricity." As explained in section 7(d) of the attached Application, the IESO is obligated to provide emergency power and energy assistance to neighbouring control area operators pursuant to the terms of interconnection operating agreements that it has entered into with control area operators in Minnesota, Michigan and New York state. Those agreements are identified in section 7(g) of the Application.

The IESO has not filed with this Application copies of the interconnection operating agreements with other control area operators. Instead, the IESO respectfully requests that the Board grant an order pursuant to section 16.1 of the *National Energy Board Act*

permitting the IESO to file the agreements with the Board on a confidential basis. The reasons for the request are also set out in section 7(g) of the application.

Should the Board have any questions about the IESO's request, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or its authorized representative.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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cc. David M. Brown