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Independent Electricity System Operator Pension Plan, Registration Number 1059112

IN THE MATTER OF the Pension Benefits Act, R.S.O. 1990,

c. P.8, as amended (the "PBA")

AND IN THE MATTER OF a Notice of Intended Decision of the Superintendent of Financial Services to Refuse to Make an Order under sections 87(2)(a) of the PBA relating to the Independent Electricity System Operator Pension Plan, Registration Number 1059112

TO: D.T.

Member of the Plan

AND TO: Independent Electricity System Operator

P.O. Box 4474, Station "A" Toronto ON M5W 4E5

Attention: Anthony Martinello

Manager, Treasury & Pension Operations

Employer and Administrator of the Plan

AND TO: The Society of Energy Professionals

300-425 Bloor Street East Toronto ON M4W 3R4

AND TO: The Power Workers Union

244 Eglinton Avenue East Toronto ON M4P 1K2 **I INTEND TO REFUSE TO MAKE AN ORDER** in respect of the Independent Electricity System Operator Pension Plan, Registration Number 1059112, (the "Plan") under sections 87(2)(a) of the PBA.

## **REASONS:**

- 1. The Plan is a defined benefit, single employer pension plan that was established on January 1, 2000.
- 2. The employer and administrator of the Plan is Independent Electricity System Operator (the "Administrator").
- 3. The Plan applies to members of the Power Workers Union, the Society of Energy Professionals, and non-union or management employees.
- 4. D.T. is a non-union management member of the Plan who reached retirement age under the Plan in August 2011.
- 5. D.T. received a statement from the administrator setting out the options available to D.T. on retirement. That statement did not provide D.T. with the option of commencing payment of a pension from the Plan in relation to part of his accrued pension benefits in the Plan and commuting and transferring the balance of his accrued pension benefits in the Plan to another retirement savings vehicle.
- 6. D.T. requested that the Superintendent of Financial Services (the "Superintendent") order that the Plan provide D.T. with the option of commencing payment of a pension from the Plan in relation to part of his accrued pension benefits in the Plan and commuting and transferring the balance of his accrued pension benefits in the Plan to another retirement savings vehicle.
- 7. The Plan does not provide D.T. with an entitlement to commence payment of a pension from the Plan in relation to part of his accrued pension benefits in the Plan and commute and transfer the balance of his accrued pension benefits in the Plan to another retirement savings vehicle.
- 8. Section 87(2)(a) of the PBA states that the Superintendent may make an order requiring an administrator to take or refrain from taking any action in respect of a pension plan or a pension fund if the Superintendent is of the opinion, upon reasonable and probable grounds, that the pension plan or pension fund is not being administered in accordance with the PBA or the pension plan.
- 9. The Superintendent is not of the opinion that the administrator of the Plan is not administering the Plan in accordance with the PBA or the Plan.
- 10. Such further and other reasons as may come to my attention.

**YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A HEARING** by the Financial Services Tribunal (the "Tribunal") pursuant to section 89(6) of the PBA. To request a hearing, you must deliver to the Tribunal a written notice that you require a hearing, within thirty (30) days after this Notice of Intended Decision is served on you. **1** 

## YOUR WRITTEN NOTICE must be delivered to:

Financial Services Tribunal 5160 Yonge Street 14th Floor Toronto, Ontario M2N 6L9

Attention: The Registrar

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** on a Form for the written notice, please see the Tribunal website at www.fstontario.ca or contact the Registrar of the Tribunal by phone at 416-590-7294, toll free at 1-800-668-0128, ext. 7294, or by fax at 416-226-7750.

If you fail to request a hearing within thirty (30) days,I may carry out the intended decision as described in this notice.

**DATED** at Toronto, Ontario, this 13th day of December, 2011.

K. David Gordon

Deputy Superintendent, Pensions

Copy to: R.D. Roy Stewart

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