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October 27, 1998

Ms. Michelle Swenarchuk
Canadian Environmental Law Association
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Toronto ON M6G 4A2

Dear Ms. Swenarchuk:

Re: York Region Long Term Water Supply Project - Lake Ontario Water Supply via Durham West - Preparation of Terms of Reference for the Development of an Individual Environmental Assessment

As you are aware, York Region has been preparing a Terms of Reference for the development of an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Long Term Water Supply Project - Lake Ontario Water Supply via Durham West. This document has now been finalized and was submitted, on October 27, 1998, to the Minister of the Environment for a decision on Approval.

The Ministry of the Environment will be posting a summary of the Terms of Reference on the Environmental Assessment Website (www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/ebr) for a 30 day public review period on November 3, 1998.

If approved by the Minister, the Terms of Reference will provide a framework for preparing the Environmental Assessment, and also serve as a benchmark for reviewing the Environmental Assessment. Following the Minister's approval of the Terms of Reference, the proponent is required to deal only with matters falling within the provisions of the approved Terms of Reference.

We have enclosed a copy of the Terms of Reference for your review. If you require a copy of the appendix please contact the undersigned.

Comments on the Terms of Reference must be received no later than Friday December 4, 1998. Please send your comments to:

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbie Korolnek".

Debbie Korolnek, P.Eng.
Long Term Water Project Manager