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September 15, 2006

The Secretary, United States Section
International Joint Commission
1250 23rd Street NW, Suite 100
Washington, DC 20440

**Re: Comments on the Lake Ontario-Saint Lawrence Study
Board -- Orders of Approval**

Dear Sirs:

This law firm was recently contacted by representatives of groups involved in the review and comment process for the Orders of Approval prepared by the Lake Ontario-Saint Lawrence River Study Board. As a former member of the New York State Senate, I was actively involved in the lake level debate on the southshore of the Lake Ontario and throughout the basin for more than a decade. I am now in the process of being retained as an attorney for certain groups interested in this critical issue.

I understand that the comment period expires September 15, 2006. Because of prior conflicts, my firm will not be able to submit comments on the international law questions posed by these proposed orders within this time frame. I would request a brief extension until September 25, 2006 to submit a legal analysis of the proposed orders and their impact on the underlying treaties and international law. Because I understand that additional hearings and other comments may be received during the IJC's deliberative process, I trust that this short extension will be acceptable. Thank you for considering this request.

Very truly yours,


Richard A. Dollinger

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