

## COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

March 21, 2014

The Board of Directors  
Niagara Power Coalition, Inc.

We have audited the financial statements of Niagara Power Coalition, Inc. (the Coalition) for the year ended December 31, 2013, and have issued our report thereon dated March 21, 2014. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information to you in our engagement letter dated January 31, 2014. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant Audit Findings**

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Coalition are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2013. We noted no transactions entered into by the Coalition during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

#### *Footnote Disclosures*

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly important because of their significance to financial statement users. The most important disclosures affecting the financial statements are reflected in Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Note 3 – Amounts Held for the Host Community Standing Committee, which reflects the Coalition’s fiduciary responsibility in connection with Greenway funds controlled by the Host Committee.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

### **Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

### **Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### **Management Representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 21, 2014.

### **Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Coalition's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### **Other Audit Findings or Issues**

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Coalition's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

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This information is intended solely for the use of management and members of the Coalition's Board. It is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Lumsden & McCormick, LLP*