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## VIA E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING

August 29, 2006

**To: All Participants in Proceeding EB-2006-0064**

**Re: Setting Payment Amounts for Ontario Power Generation Inc.'s  
Prescribed Generation Assets  
Oral Presentations and Additional Written Comments**

On August 22, 2006, Energy Probe filed a letter with the Board posing a number of questions regarding the process that will be followed during the oral presentation phase scheduled for September 15, 2006.

This letter provides clarification generally in relation to the process and, in so doing, provides clarification in relation to Energy Probe's specific questions.

### **Oral Presentations**

The oral presentations are being solicited within the scope of a consultative process that is intended to provide policy direction to support the execution of later phases of the Board's payment-setting mandate under section 78.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. This phase of the project is not an adjudicative one, nor is the opportunity to make oral presentations intended to be, or to be conducted as, an adjudicative hearing. As indicated in the Board's August 10, 2006 letter, Board member attendance at the oral presentations and transcription of the day's activities are intended to facilitate a greater understanding by the Board of the positions of various interested parties and of significant issues and areas of concern. Members of the Board are participating as representatives of the Board, and not as a panel of the Board tasked with specific decision-making responsibilities. As in other policy development processes, direction will be provided by the Board as a whole in relation to the subject matter of the consultation, rather than by a panel of the Board.

All presentation materials filed in advance of the oral presentations will be posted on the Board's website. In terms of the conduct of the oral presentations, Appendix A to this letter sets out an agenda for the day that identifies the proposed sequence of the oral presentations.

The following will apply to the day's activities:

1. The Board Members in attendance will moderate the discussion, including the order of questioning of presenters. The "legislative committee model" of questioning identified by Energy Probe may be used if it appears conducive to the efficient identification and discussion of issues.
2. Board staff will participate in the day's events on the same basis as other participants.
3. It is not necessary for each group to nominate one person for purposes of questioning. A presenter may be questioned by any participant. However, the day will unfold in a more efficient and timely manner if participants within the same group were to agree on common questions so as to avoid the potential for duplication, and to maximize the likelihood of similar questions being put forward at the same time. In relation to the regulatory contracts group, this extends to the OPA and the IESO even though they will be making individual presentations.
4. Questioning of presenters through counsel will be permitted but is not required.
5. To the extent that more than one presentation is contemplated within a given group, the time allotted for presentation and questioning of presenters will be divided accordingly.

### **Written Comments**

Participants are invited to make final written comments following the oral presentations. This will allow participants an opportunity to address issues discussed during the oral presentations. While participants may prepare their written comments as they determine appropriate, it is not necessary that participants reiterate positions already expressed in earlier materials. Cost awards will be available to eligible participants in relation to the preparation of these written comments, up to a maximum of 10 hours. The costs to be awarded will be recovered from OPG.

Any participant that wishes to make written comments must file three paper copies and an electronic version in searchable Adobe Acrobat (PDF) or Word with the Board Secretary at the address noted above by **4:30 pm on September 29, 2006**. Electronic versions may be sent on diskette or by e-mail to [boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca](mailto:boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca).

Your filing must quote file number EB-2006-0064 and include your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, e-mail address and fax number.

Any questions regarding this consultation should be directed to Russell Chute at 416-440-7682 or by e-mail to [Russell.Chute@oeb.gov.on.ca](mailto:Russell.Chute@oeb.gov.on.ca). The Board's toll free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Attachment: Appendix A

## **Appendix A**

### **Agenda for Oral Presentations on September 15, 2006**

#### **Ontario Energy Board – West Hearing Room**

#### **EB-2006-0064**

- 9:00 Opening Remarks
- 9:10 Board Staff Overview of Discussion Paper
- 9:30 Incentive Regulation Discussion
  - AMPCO
  - Schools Energy Coalition
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Cost of Service Discussion
  - Parties Supporting CoS
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:30 Regulatory Contracts Discussion
  - Parties Supporting RC
  - OPA
  - IESO
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 OPG Presentation
- 4:15 Wrap-Up and Next Steps