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To: All Interested Parties

Re: Regulated Price Plan for Electricity Consumers (RP-2004-0205)

The Board is developing a Regulated Price Plan (RPP) for electricity that will be available to specific classes of consumers. Development of the RPP is the direct responsibility of the Board under Bill 100 and represents an extension and refinement of the Board's existing responsibilities for standard supply service pricing under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

The Board has engaged qualified consultants to assist it in developing the RPP. The project has a delivery date of spring 2005, with the objective of developing a replacement code for the existing Standard Supply Service Code. Throughout the fall and winter of 2004, the Board will engage stakeholders and other interested parties in consultation sessions and working groups to assist in developing the RPP and the associated new Code.

As a first step in the RPP development process, the Board will host an initial, full-day consultation session at the Board's offices as follows:

Date/time: Friday, September 10, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.

Location: 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, West Hearing Room

This initial consultation is intended to solicit the input of all the interested parties on issues, concerns and questions that they may have about the design, objectives and impact of the RPP. The session will commence with short, context setting presentations by Board staff. Throughout the remainder of the day, stakeholders will be given an opportunity to make short presentations.

Board staff has developed an issues paper that provides the policy context for the project, contains a proposed, high level conceptual approach for the RPP and identifies a non-exhaustive list of issues to be addressed and potential concerns that might emerge as the project goes forward. The issues paper is not intended to limit debate but rather to facilitate and stimulate discussion. It is anticipated that stakeholders and other interested parties will raise additional issues and concerns for consideration.

If you wish to attend the initial consultation, please reply to the following e-mail address by September 7th and indicate the type of stakeholder that you represent (LDC, EBT/CIS provider, generator, consumer etc.):

RPP@oeb.gov.on.ca

If you intend to make an oral presentation at the consultation session, you should also identify the subject-matter of the presentation and supply an e-mail copy via the web address. Even if you do not intend to make an oral presentation, the Board encourages you to submit written comments.

All written comments (whether tied to an oral presentation or not) should be sent to the above email address no later than 4:45 pm on September 7, 2004. Copies of all written comments will be posted on the Board's website.

Oral presentations during the consultation session will be limited to 15 minutes. In the event that presentation requests exceed the time allotted for the consultation session, Board staff will select materials for presentation based on scope of representation and content.

Next Steps

After this initial consultation session, working groups will be created to assist Board staff in developing the RPP. A draft RPP Code will then be prepared for review and comment. A panel of the Board will be appointed to preside over workshops and/or information sessions relating to the RPP Code.

The Board previously announced that it intends to make available limited stakeholder funding for this initiative. Funding will be available for participation in the working groups that will be involved in the development of the RPP and the workshops for Code development. At a later date, participants will be notified of the process by which they may request funding.

Please direct all questions relating to this letter to the following e-mail address:

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Yours truly,

John Zych
Board Secretary