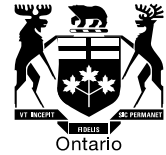


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July 27, 2007

**To: Ontario Power Generation Inc.
Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
Consumers Council of Canada
Energy Probe Research Foundation
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters
Low Income Energy Network
School Energy Coalition
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for
Cost Awards for Filing Guidelines for
Ontario Power Generation Regarding the Setting of Payment
Amounts for the Prescribed Generation Assets
EB-2006-0064**

Background

On March 21, 2006, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") began a consultation process in relation to the setting of payment amounts for Ontario Power Generation's ("OPG") prescribed generation assets. In its letter of March 21, 2006, the Board stated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons in relation to their participation in this process under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"). The costs to be awarded are to be recovered from OPG.

In accordance with the Board's May 18, 2006 Cost Eligibility Order, the following participants were found to be eligible for an award of costs in this consultation: Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario ("AMPCO"); Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"); Consumers Council of Canada ("CCC"); Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters ("CME"); Low Income Energy Network ("LIEN"); School Energy Coalition ("SEC"); and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") (together, the "eligible participants").

On July 3, 2007, the Board issued its Decision and Order on Cost Awards relating to an earlier phase of this consultation; namely, in relation to the development of the regulatory methodology to be used to set payment amounts for OPG's prescribed generation assets.

This Notice relates to the second phase of the consultation; namely, the development of filing guidelines. On March 30, 2007, the Board issued for comment draft filing requirements prepared by Board staff. By letter of that same date, the Board indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible participants in relation to the preparation of written comments on Board staff's draft filing requirements, up to a **maximum of 20 hours**.

Of the eligible participants, the following filed written comments on staff's draft filing requirements: CCC; Energy Probe; SEC and VECC. No written comments were received from the following eligible participants: AMPCO; LIEN and CME.

Notice of Hearing

The Board is initiating this hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that will be made in accordance with section 30 of the Act for that portion of this consultation that relates to the preparation of written comments on Board staff's March 30, 2007 draft filing requirements for OPG. The file number for this hearing is **EB-2006-0064**.

As previously indicated, any costs awarded will be recovered from OPG.

The Board intends to proceed by way of written hearing unless a party can satisfy the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If a party wants to object to a written hearing, the objection must be received by the Board no later than 7 days after the date of this notice.

Assuming no objections will be made to a written hearing, the hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. Eligible participants shall submit their cost claims by August 10, 2007. A copy of the cost claim must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on OPG. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.
2. OPG will have until August 24, 2007 to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. A copy of the objection must be filed with the Board and one copy must be served on the party against whose claim the objection is being made.
3. The party whose cost claim was objected to will have until August 31, 2007 to make a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be

allowed. A copy of the reply submission must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on OPG.

4. The Board will then issue its decision on cost awards. The Board's costs may also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

All submissions in this hearing (i.e., cost claims, objections, or responses), will form part of the public record. Copies of the submissions will be available for inspection at the Board's office and the submissions may be published on the Board's website.

Parties must file a paper copy of their submissions, and an electronic copy of their submissions in searchable Adobe Acrobat (PDF) or Word, with the Board Secretary by **4:30 pm** on the required dates. Electronic copies may be submitted on diskette or by e-mail to boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca. The submissions must quote file number **EB-2006-0064** and include your name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and fax number.

When determining the amount of the cost awards, the Board will apply the principles set out in section 5 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. The maximum hourly rates set out in the Board's Cost Award Tariff will also be applied. The Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards and the Board's Cost Award Tariff can be found on the Board's website at http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca/html/en/industryrelations/rulesguidesandforms_regulatory.htm#general.

If you do not file a letter objecting to a written hearing or do not participate in the hearing by filing written submissions in accordance with this notice, the Board may proceed without your participation and you will not be entitled to further notice in this proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Assistant Board Secretary