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BY E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING

October 2, 2007

To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors

Re: Review of Electricity Rate Design Cost Eligibility Request by the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association Board File No.: EB-2007-0031

On March 30, 2007, began a consultation process to review the design of electricity distribution rates. In its March 30, 2007 letter, the Board stated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to their participation in this consultation process. The Board also stated that the costs to be awarded will be recovered from all licensed rate-regulated electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues. The rates of licensed distributors Cornwall Street Lighting and Power Company and Dubreuil Forest Products are not currently fixed or approved by the Board, and cost awards will not be recovered from these two licensed distributors.

On July 23, 2007, the Board received a late request to participate and a late request for cost eligibility from the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association ("OSEA"). The letter containing these requests has been posted on the Board's website,¹ and OSEA has been added as a registered participant in this consultation.

Stage 1 of this consultation process (the provision of written comments on Board staff's Discussion Paper) has now been completed, and the Board has issued its Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards for stage 1. OSEA did not participate in stage 1, and its request for eligibility for costs relates to subsequent stages of the consultation.

Any distributor who wishes to object to OSEA's request for eligibility for costs must file a letter to that effect with the Board Secretary by **4:45 p.m.** on **October 16, 2007.** One paper copy of the letter, and an electronic copy of the letter in searchable Adobe Acrobat (PDF) or Word, must be filed. Electronic copies may be submitted on CD or

¹ At <u>www.oeb.gov.on.ca/html/en/industryrelations/ongoingprojects</u> ratedesign-electricitydist.htm

diskette or by e-mail to **boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca**. The letter must quote file number **EB-2007-0031** and include your name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and fax number.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary