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VIA E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING

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To: All Participants in Consultation Process EB-2008-0003

**Re: Initial Stakeholder Meeting
Transmission Connection Cost Responsibility Review
Board File No.: EB-2008-0003**

On January 4, 2008, the Board announced that it was initiating a consultation process to examine the issue of cost responsibility associated with the connection of generation and load facilities to electricity transmission systems. The Board also indicated that an initial stakeholder meeting was being scheduled for **February 14, 2008** to solicit input on the issues to be addressed in this consultation, and to provide a forum in which to commence gathering information relevant to the subject matter.

1. Location and Format of Stakeholder Meeting

The stakeholder meeting will be held on February 14, 2008, in the West Hearing Room at the Board's offices at 2300 Yonge Street, beginning at 9:30 am.

On January 4, 2008, the Board invited interested parties to submit comments, position papers, analyses or other written materials in advance of the stakeholder meeting. To further facilitate discussion, the stakeholder meeting is being structured to provide participants with an opportunity to make brief presentations on the issues to be addressed in this consultation and their views on those issues. Section 2 below sets out a series of questions to guide participants in the preparation of their advance materials and/or presentations.

The stakeholder meeting will be divided into three sessions. The first session will consist of a presentation by Board staff that sets out the rationale and objectives for this consultation process, as well as an overview of the Board's current transmission connection cost responsibility policies.

The second and third sessions will be organized around presentations from participants on connection cost responsibility issues for generation connections and load connections, respectively. Participants should make every effort to restrict their presentations to 20 minutes, and should be available to discuss

issues with other participants and Board staff. Participants may make presentations in both sessions if they wish to address issues unique to each form of connection, but are asked to avoid repetition over the two sessions to the extent possible.

For convenience, a list of the participants that have registered an interest in this consultation process is attached as Appendix A. Participants representing similar interests or having similar perspectives are encouraged to prepare joint presentations or to coordinate the preparation of their respective presentations in an effort to minimize duplication.

In the event that not all presentations can be accommodated, presentations will be selected with a view to ensuring that as broad a range of perspectives as possible is represented.

Participants that wish to make a presentation in either or both sessions of the stakeholder meeting should notify the Board Secretary in writing no later than **February 1, 2008**, indicating the session(s) to which the presentation applies and identifying the topic(s) to be covered. Participants should also make every effort to file an electronic copy of their presentations with the Board Secretary no later than **February 11, 2008**.

A final agenda with the order of presentations will be issued in advance of the stakeholder meeting.

The stakeholder meeting will be transcribed, and copies of the transcript, of Board staff and participant presentations, and of any advance materials prepared by participants will be available on the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca.

2. Questions to Guide Participants

The following questions have been prepared to guide participants in the preparation of their advance materials and/or presentations. The Board is also particularly interested in the views of participants as to additional issues that they believe should be considered as part of this consultation process.

Cost Responsibility for Generation Connections

- What are the implications of the Board's current transmission cost responsibility policies for the rational and optimal development of generation resources in Ontario?
- Directionally, what changes to the Board's current transmission cost responsibility policies could be considered, and what are the implications of those changes for: (a) the development of generation resources in Ontario? (b) applicable ratepayer groups? (c) the manner in which the

different transmission cost pools (line connection, transformation connection and network) are defined?

- Are there particular considerations that should be taken into account in relation to: (a) generation resources using renewable sources? (b) the region or location in which the generation facilities are to be situated? (c) other specific circumstances?
- Are there circumstances not covered, or not adequately covered, by the Board's current transmission connection cost responsibility policies? If so, what regulatory treatment might be appropriate in those circumstances and why?
- What best practices or innovative approaches are emerging in other jurisdictions in relation to cost responsibility for generation connections? What are the forces driving those practices or approaches?

Cost Responsibility for Load Connections

- What are the implications of the Board's current transmission cost responsibility policies for: (a) the rational and optimal development of transmission systems or distribution systems to accommodate specific customer needs and load growth or to maintain reliability? (b) transmitter planning practices?
- Directionally, what changes to the Board's current transmission cost responsibility policies could be considered, and what are the implications of those changes for: (a) the development of transmission and distribution systems in Ontario? (b) applicable ratepayer groups? (c) the manner in which the different transmission cost pools (line connection, transformation connection and network) are defined?
- What best practices or innovative approaches are emerging in other jurisdictions in relation to cost responsibility for load connections? What are the forces driving those practices or approaches?

Any questions relating to the stakeholder meeting or more generally to this consultation should be directed to David Brown at david.brown@oeb.gov.on.ca or at 416-440-8123. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Appendix A

List of Participants in Transmission Connection Cost Responsibility Review EB-2008-0003

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