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March 28, 2008

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
Consumers Council of Canada
Green Energy Coalition
London Property Management Association
Pollution Probe
School Energy Coalition
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards
Consultation Process Regarding Guidelines for Electricity Distributor
Conservation and Demand Management
Board File No.: EB-2008-0037**

Background

On February 8, 2008 the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) began a consultation process in relation to the development of the Board’s “Guidelines for Electricity Distributor Conservation and Demand Management”.

In its February 8, 2008 letter, the Board stated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons in relation to the provision of written comments on a draft of the Board’s “Guidelines for Electricity Distributor Conservation and Demand Management” issued under cover of that letter, to a maximum of 10 hours, and that any costs awarded would be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

In its February 8, 2008 letter, the Board stated that participants identified in the Board’s February 5, 2007 Decision on Cost Eligibility in consultation process on the Regulatory Treatment of CDM Activities by Electricity Distributors (EB-2006-0266) (the “Cost

Decision”) would also be eligible for an award of costs in this process, and were not required to file a request for eligibility in this process, should they decide to participate in it. The February 8, 2008 letter also stated that if any person was not identified as eligible for an award of costs in the Cost Decision, but wanted to be eligible for an award of costs in this proceeding, that person was required to file with the Board a written submission to that effect by February 15, 2008. No requests for cost eligibility were received by the Board from any participant not identified in the Cost Decision.

In accordance with the Cost Decision, and the Board’s February 8, 2008 letter, the following participants are eligible for an award of costs in this process: Consumers Council of Canada, Green Energy Coalition, London Property Management Association, Pollution Probe, School Energy Coalition and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (together, the “eligible parties”).

Notice of Hearing

The Board is initiating this hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that may be made in accordance with section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to the provision of written comments on the Board’s draft “Guidelines for Electricity Distributor Conservation and Demand Management”. The file number for this hearing is **EB-2008-0037**.

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 that the Board does not receive any objections to a written hearing, the hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. The eligible parties shall submit their cost claims by **April 14, 2008**. A copy of the cost claim must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on each licensed electricity distributor. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

2. Licensed electricity distributors will have until **April 28, 2008** 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 eligible party against whose claim the objection is being made.
3. The eligible party whose cost claim was objected to will have until **May 5, 2008** 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 the objecting distributor.
4. The Board will then issue its decision on the cost awards. The Board's costs may also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

Service of cost claims, objections and reply submissions on other parties may be effected by courier, registered mail, facsimile or e-mail.

All submissions in this hearing (i.e., cost claims, objections, or replies) 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 one paper copy and one electronic copy of their submissions with the Board Secretary by **4:30 pm** on the required dates. The Board requests that parties make every effort to provide electronic copies of their filings in searchable/unrestricted Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, and to submit their filings through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. A user ID is required to submit documents through the Board's web portal. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-filings services" webpage on the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca, and fill out a user ID password request. Additionally, parties are requested to follow the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the document entitled "RESS Document Preparation – A Quick Guide" also found on the e-filing services webpage. If the Board's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by e-mail at boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca. Those that do not have internet access should provide a CD or diskette containing their filing in PDF format.

All submissions must quote file number **EB-2008-0037** and include your name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and fax number.

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

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary