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January 4, 2016

To: Regulated Entities subject to the OEB's Cost Assessment

Re: Notice of Change to the 2015-16 Cost Assessment to Reflect Expanded OEB Mandate

Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached to this letter is your 4th Quarter Cost Assessment invoice for the period January 1 to March 31, 2016. This letter also serves to give notice of a change to the final approved assessment for 2015-16. The change is due to an increase to the OEB's budget for the period, which has been fully assessed in this 4th quarter assessment.

The OEB's 2015-18 Business Plan, which was only recently approved, requires that the organization move forward expeditiously and comprehensively to meet existing, new and emerging priorities. While continuing on with the strategic direction established over the past few years, the plan is enhanced in several key areas to ensure that the OEB effectively delivers on its consumer protection and sector oversight responsibilities. At the same time, it will continue to streamline the regulatory process to ensure its efficiency and effectiveness. Accordingly, the OEB's budget has increased to accommodate this expanded mandate and priorities. The 2015-18 Business Plan is located on the OEB website.

Note that the OEB's budget has **not** increased since 2011 although the organization has been delivering year-over-year on its mandate while working to keep up with the pace of change in the energy sector.

The OEB's Cost Assessment Model is the methodology used to apportion its costs to those who pay costs under section 26 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (the "Act"). The persons or classes of persons that are liable to pay the OEB's costs under section 26(1) of the Act are set out in Ontario Regulation 16/08. More information about the OEB's Cost Assessment Model can also be found on the OEB website.

Payment for each assessment is due 30 days from the date of the invoice. Any questions can be directed to John Moon at john.moon@ontarioenergyboard.ca or (416) 440-7748.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Julie Mitchell
Vice President
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Attachments: Invoice dated Jan 1, 2016