



Low-Income Energy Network

June 19, 2015

Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms Walli,

Re: Cost Awards Request – Consultation to Implement the Ontario Electricity Support Program, Board, File No.: EB-2014-0227

The Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN) requests intervenor status in the above-mentioned proceeding and seeks eligibility for cost awards.

INTEREST IN PROCEEDING AND GROUNDS FOR INTERVENTION

LIEN represents over 60 member groups across Ontario. We seek to raise awareness of the impact of rising energy prices on low-income households and to suggest solutions to aid these vulnerable consumers. Our aim is to ensure that low-income consumers have optimal access to energy conservation and assistance programs.

As an umbrella organization, LIEN offers the opportunity for one entity to represent the similar interests of many organizations that have come together under LIEN. We have an ongoing interest in the Board's resolution of any issues regarding low-income consumers, particularly those related to energy rate affordability.

NATURE AND SCOPE OF INTERVENTION

Low-income consumers will be affected by this consultation, and LIEN was recognized as an intervenor eligible for cost awards in the related proceeding (EB-2014-0227) where the Board sought the views of stakeholders in the preparation of its report and recommendation to the Minister of Energy for an Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP).

LIEN's two steering committee members, who work for social service organizations involved in the delivery of LEAP Energy Financial Assistance (EFA), have been attending the OESP implementation working group meetings. Their expertise and perspective, we believe, are beneficial to the group as it prepares for the OESP roll-out. We would appreciate having our out-of-town LIEN steering member reimbursed for her expenses related to travel to attend the meetings in person reimbursed.

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COSTS

LIEN apologizes for the late filing of this intervention and seeks the indulgence of the Board in this matter.

LIEN requests that the Board find it eligible for costs under section 3.03 (a) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. LIEN "primarily represents the direct interests of residential consumers in relation to regulated services." LIEN has been accepted as a party eligible for an award of costs in many other proceedings before the Board.

As a not-for-profit organization, LIEN's participation in this proceeding is dependent on any cost awards it receives. LIEN intends to coordinate its efforts with other stakeholders to avoid duplication where possible.

Sincerely,
Low-Income Energy Network
Per:



Mary Todorow
LIEN Steering Committee member