



## Approved Meeting minutes

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RE: *Emergency Financial Assistance Working Group - Meeting 5*

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Date: August 25, 2009 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: OEB Office, 2300 Yonge St., 25th floor

Attendees: **Emergency Financial Assistance Working Group (FAWG)**

- Julie Girvan, Consumers Council of Canada (CCC);
- Gord Eamer, Cornerstone Hydro Electric Concepts (CHEC);
- Jack Lenartowicz, Coalition of Large Distributors (CLD);
- Svetlana Diomin, Direct Energy;
- Manny Sousa, Enbridge Gas Distribution (Enbridge);
- Mary Anne Rowlands, Housing Help of Ontario;
- Barb Allen, Hydro One Networks (Hydro One);
- Jennifer Lopinski, Low Income Energy Network (LIEN);
- Chris Goethel, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (MEI);
- Gladys Wong, Neighbourhood Information Post (NIP);
- John Bagnall, Neighbourhood Information Post (NIP);
- David Whitehouse, Peterborough Distribution Inc. (PDI);
- Debra Johnston, Salvation Army Centre of Hope;
- Patricia Phillips, Union Gas (Union);
- Steve Lavery, United Way;
- William Harper, Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition/Energy Probe (VECC)

**Board Staff**

- Alison Cazalet;
- Rachel Anderson

**IndEco Staff**

- Shona Adamson,
- Patti Campbell,
- Judy Simon
- Amy Snook

Regrets: 

- Chantelle Bramley, Direct Energy;
- Sarah Blackstock, Low Income Energy Network (LIEN);
- Jackie Caille, Union Gas (Union);

Next scheduled meeting: TBA

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### **Welcome, introductions, and logistics – Judy Simon, Facilitator**

- Facilitator welcomed the group to the fifth meeting of the Emergency Financial Assistance Working Group

### **Review of the meeting agenda – Shona Adamson, Facilitator**

- Reviewed the meeting agenda to ensure that participants understood the information and activities taking place over the course of the day

### **Review and approval of meeting 4 minutes – Shona Adamson, Facilitator**

- Group adopted minutes of meeting 4 (August 4<sup>th</sup>)

### **Discussion of Emergency Financial Assistance program organizational model**

- Facilitators presented organizational model representing majority views from working group written submissions
- Roundtable discussion on parties involved, roles, and responsibilities
- Roundtable discussion on areas of non-consensus in working group written submissions

### **Short-term (November 2009) plans for low-income energy assistance—Alison Cazalet, Board Staff**

- Board staff presented on factors to consider, existing levels of utility participation, and items for consideration for what should be implemented for November 2009.
- Roundtable discussion of ideas and other factors to consider from the working group.

### *Action Items*

The following actions were identified throughout the FAWG meeting:

- IndEco to preparing draft report and submit to working group for comment.
- Working group members to submit written comments to Board staff on short-term financial assistance for November 2009 by Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.