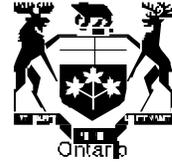


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September 13, 2010

**To: All Licensed Electricity Transmitters
Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (“AMPCO”)
Association of Power Producers of Ontario (“APPrO”)
Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”)
Canadian Wind Energy Association (“CanWEA”)
Consumers Council of Canada (“CCC”)
Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”)
Lake Huron Anishinabek Transmission Co. Inc. (“LHATC”)
London Property Management Association (“LPMA”)
National Chief’s Office on behalf of the Assembly of First Nations (“NCO”)
Northwatch
Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (“OSEA”)
Ontario Waterpower Association (“OWA”)
Pollution Probe
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”)**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards for Consultation on Transmission
Project Development Planning
Board File No.: EB-2010-0059**

Background

In its April 19, 2010 letter initiating this project and issuing a staff discussion paper (the “Discussion Paper”), the Board stated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the “Act”). The Board also stated that the costs to be awarded will be recovered from all licensed rate-regulated electricity transmitters based on their respective transmission revenues. The letter also indicated that the Board would use the process set out in section 12 of the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this consultation. The Board indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible participants in relation to the provision of written comments on the Discussion Paper up to a maximum of 30 hours.

In accordance with a series of Decisions on Cost Eligibility, the following participants were found to be eligible for an award of costs in this consultation: the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario; Association of Power Producers of Ontario; the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters; the Canadian Wind Energy Association; the Consumers Council of Canada; Energy Probe Research Foundation; Lake Huron Anishinabek Transmission Co. Inc.; the London Property Management Association; the National Chief's Office on behalf of the Assembly of First Nations; Northwatch; the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association; the Ontario Waterpower Association; Pollution Probe; and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (collectively, the "eligible participants").

The Board will address the issue of cost awards as the project has now been completed.

Notice of Hearing

The Board is initiating this hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that will be made in accordance with section 30 of the Act in relation to stakeholder comments on the staff Discussion Paper. The file number for this hearing is EB-2010-0059.

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 participants shall submit their cost claims by **September 27, 2010**. A copy of the cost claim must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on each of the rate-regulated licensed electricity transmitters. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.
2. Transmitters will have until **October 12, 2010** 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 participant against whose claim the objection is being made.
3. The eligible participant whose cost claim was objected to will have until **October 26, 2010** to make a reply submission as to why the 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 transmitter.

4. The Board will then issue its decision on the cost awards. The Board's costs may also be dealt with 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 two paper copies 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-Filing Services" page 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 containing their filing in PDF format.

All submissions must quote file number EB-2010-0059 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