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## BY E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING

May 17, 2013

**To: All Rate-Regulated Licensed Electricity Distributors  
All Participants in Consultation Process EB-2010-0219  
All Other Interested Parties**

**RE: Review of Cost Allocation Policy for Unmetered Loads  
Board File No. EB-2012-0383**

### **Issuance of Consultant's Report**

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On October 1, 2012, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") initiated a consultation to review its Cost Allocation Policy for Unmetered Loads. Unmetered Loads refer to electricity loads such as Street Lighting, Sentinel Lighting and Unmetered Scattered Loads (i.e., a load that does not normally have its consumption measured by a meter).

As part of the consultation, the Board hired a consultant, Elenchus Research Associates, Inc. (the "consultant"), to address a number of technical issues and to provide appropriate guidance. The Board also established an Unmetered Loads Working Group ("ULWG") composed of interested stakeholders including customers, electricity distributors, and consumer interest groups. The ULWG held three meetings between December 2012 and April 2013. The ULWG provided advice which has informed the consultant's report. The Board thanks the ULWG for its contribution to this consultation process.

Today the Board has posted for comment the consultant's report entitled [Review of Cost Allocation Policy for Unmetered Loads](#) (the "Report"). The Report provides background information on the issues and sets out the consultant's recommendations. The Report is available on the Board's website at [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca) or via the report title hyperlink above.

## Written Comments

Written comments on the consultant's recommendations contained in the Report must be filed with the Board on or before **June 7, 2013**. Participants are asked to organize their comments by following the same order of the recommendations set out in the Report.

Three (3) paper copies of each filing must be provided, and should be sent to:

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If the Board's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by e-mail at [boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca). If you do not have internet access, please provide a CD containing your filing in PDF format. Filings to the Board must be received by the Board Secretary by **4.45 p.m.** on **June 7, 2013**. They must quote file number **EB-2012-0383** and include your name, address, telephone number and, where available, your e-mail address and fax number.

If the written comment is from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an individual from a regulated entity), before making the written comment available for viewing at the Board's offices or placing the written comment on the Board's website, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the written comment (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the written comment will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

## Materials

All materials related to this consultation are posted on the project webpage of the "Regulatory Proceedings/Policy Initiatives & Consultations" portion of the Board's website at [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca). The material will also be available for public inspection at the Board's offices during normal business hours.

### Eligible Activities and Cost Awards

Eligible Activities and Cost Awards with respect to this consultation were addressed in part by the [October 1, 2012 letter](#), but maximum allowable hours for associated cost awards were not indicated.

Cost awards will be available to each cost-eligible participant as follows.

<b><i>Activity Eligible for Cost Awards</i></b>	<b>Maximum Number of Hours</b>
Preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on each day of the unmetered loads working group	10 hours per day in attendance
Written Comments on the Consultant's Report	10 hours

Any questions regarding this consultation process should be directed to Vince Cooney at [vincent.cooney@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:vincent.cooney@ontarioenergyboard.ca) or at 416-440-8143. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary