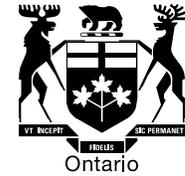


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October 20, 2011

To: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.
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Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators
School Energy Coalition
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

**Re: Notice of Written Hearing for Cost Awards
Stakeholder Consultation on the Preliminary Assessment of the Incentive
Regulation Plans of the Natural Gas Utilities
Board File No.: EB-2011-0052**

Background

On February 25, 2011, a letter was issued announcing that the Board had decided to conduct a preliminary assessment of the incentive regulation plans of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge") and Union Gas Limited ("Union"). The assessment was intended to assist the Board in better understanding how the incentive regulation plans functioned during the plan terms.

The February 25, 2011 letter notified interested stakeholders that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B (the "Act") in relation to their participation in this consultation process and that any costs awarded would be recovered from Enbridge and Union based on their respective distribution revenues.

In accordance with the Board's April 8, 2011 Decision on Cost Eligibility, and the Board's Supplemental Decision on Cost Eligibility issued on April 15, 2011, the following ten participants were found to be eligible for an award of costs:

- Association of Power Producers of Ontario;

- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters;
- Consumers Council of Canada;
- Energy Probe Research Foundation;
- Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario;
- Industrial Gas Users Association;
- London Property Management Association;
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators;
- School Energy Coalition; and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (collectively, the “eligible participants”).

In its February 25, 2011 letter, the Board outlined the eligible activities and the maximum number of hours for which costs awards will be available for eligible participants. In particular, the Board allowed eligible participants to claim costs of up to 22 hours which included a stakeholder meeting of up to two (2) days in length (a maximum of 11 hours of preparation, attendance, and report time for each day). The Board notes that the stakeholder meeting was for one (1) day on April 29, 2011. As a consequence, eligible participants will be allowed to claim costs of up to 11 hours for this consultation.

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 for the stakeholder consultation activities. The file number for this hearing is EB-2011-0052.

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 **November 4, 2011**. A copy of the cost claim must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on each of Enbridge and Union. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.
2. Enbridge and Union will have until **November 18, 2011** 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 **December 2, 2011** to make a reply submission as to why its 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 natural gas utility (Enbridge or Union).
4. The Board will then issue its decision on cost awards. The Board's costs may also be addressed 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 and replies) will form part of the public record. Copies of the submissions will be available for inspection at the Board's office and 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 **4:45 p.m.** 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.ontarioenergyboard.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@ontarioenergyboard.ca. Those that do not have internet access should provide a CD or diskette containing their filing in PDF format.

All submissions must quote file number **EB-2011-0052** 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