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## BY EMAIL AND WEBPOSTING

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To: All Licensed Entities

All Other Interested Parties

RE: **Notice Regarding the Publication of Intervenor Cost Awards** 

The Ontario Energy Board is committed to ensuring fair, effective and transparent regulatory processes. To that end we regularly review our processes and take steps to make improvements.

This year we are taking steps to increase the transparency regarding the costs awarded to intervenors in respect of their participation in applications and policy consultations at the Board.

Intervenor cost awards are already published as part of the proceedings in each application and policy consultation. Going forward, the Board will, in addition, commence publishing a summary of the costs awarded to each intervenor on an annual basis. The first summary will be in respect of the period April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. We anticipate that this summary will be posted on the Board's website in early May 2012.

This change in process is one of the actions that the Board is undertaking in response to the recommendations of the Auditor General of Ontario. The December 2011 report of the Auditor General recommended that the Board summarize and report all costs associated with the Board's regulatory processes.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Cormier, Sr. Advisor Stakeholder Relations, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, at 416-440-7657 (toll free 1-888-632-6273, x657) or by email at karen.cormier@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

Yours truly,

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