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Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Intervenor Status and Cost Eligibility Request on behalf of the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
Review of Framework Governing the Participation of Intervenors in Board Proceedings - Consultation and Stakeholder Conference
Board File No. EB-2013-0301**

The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (“OSEA”) respectfully requests that it be permitted to intervene in this matter and that it be found eligible for costs in this proceeding.

Request for Intervenor Status

OSEA seeks intervenor status for the following reasons:

- ◆ It is a province-wide, non-profit organization representing approximately 200 members centered on the vision of sustainable energy development. OSEA promotes the view that every Ontarian can be a conservator and generator of sustainable energy. A list of its members can be found at: <http://www.ontario-sea.org>.
- ◆ OSEA is a public interest organization that works towards a sustainable energy future. This includes ensuring funding and rates that encourage both conservation and the incorporation of green energy.
- ◆ As a founding member of the Green Energy Act Alliance, OSEA played a key role in assisting Ontario to make the transition to a more sustainable energy future. OSEA wishes to continue to actively participate in the legal and policy processes that support sustainable energy development.

- ◆ OSEA actively participates in Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) proceedings and expects to continue its participation in future proceedings. Any modification to the framework governing the participation of intervenors and the eligibility of costs would have a direct effect on OSEA’s future participation.
- ◆ OSEA is a non-profit organization and relies heavily on its costs eligibility to be able to participate meaningfully in OEB proceedings.
- ◆ As a party who has been granted intervenor status and costs awards by the OEB, OSEA can provide necessary information and comments about the benefits and disadvantages, existing framework and any proposed model. OSEA’s insight can help the OEB enhance efficiency and effectiveness of the process.
- ◆ OSEA has been granted intervenor status by the OEB in previous hearings, such as in the OEB Integrated Power System Plan hearing EB 2007-0707 and in the OEB Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Consultation hearings, EB-2010-0377, EB-2010-0378, EB-2010-0379, EB-2011-0043 and EB-2011-0004.
- ◆ OSEA has been awarded costs by the OEB in previous hearings, such as in the Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for a Six Month Exemption from the Timelines to Connection Micro-embedded Generators hearing EB 2011-0118.

Request for Cost Award Eligibility

OSEA seeks funding for the participation of its counsel and expert advisor (Ms. Marion Fraser, Fraser & Company).

OSEA requests that it be determined eligible for a cost award on the following grounds:

1. OSEA is a not for profit organization that is committed to representing the public interest on energy policy matters that contribute or impede energy conservation and sustainable energy development for Ontario. Its membership consists of several non-profit/community organizations that advocate for a variety of interest groups including ratepayers. Further, OSEA’s membership includes thousands of individual ratepayers.
2. OSEA’s members, both individuals and organizations, are interested in the development of sustainable energy in Ontario as consumers, individuals and citizens of Ontario.
3. OSEA is not a trade or industry association representing any specific product suppliers, generators, or specific generation technologies. OSEA is not simply an association for energy generators.



4. OSEA was an intervenor in the Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for a Six Month Exemption from the Timelines to Connection Micro-embedded Generators hearing EB 2011-0118. In the hearing, the OEB awarded costs to OSEA, recognizing that OSEA could provide “an important and unique perspective in the matter.” OSEA can continue to provide an important and unique perspective in the current hearing.
5. OSEA does not have funds of its own to allocate towards its meaningful participation in this matter.

If OSEA is awarded intervenor status and the cost award requested herein, OSEA intends to participate in the consultation process to provide input into the review of the framework governing the participation of intervenors in OEB proceedings.

OSEA requests that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following parties:

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Yours truly,

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cc: Mr. Kristopher Stevens, Executive Director, OSEA

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