



EB-2015-0148

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost awards in relation to the
consultation to implement the Ontario Electricity Support
Program.

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Christine Long
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARD ELIGIBILITY

On [May 26, 2015](#), the Board issued a letter (the “Letter”) regarding the consultation to implement the Ontario Electricity Support Program. The Letter stated that cost awards will be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the “Act”) and invited participants in the consultation to request eligibility for cost awards. The Letter also stated cost awards will be available in relation to participation in eligible activities forming part of the consultation to implement the Ontario Electricity Support Program. Any costs awarded will be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors and will be apportioned based on distribution revenues.

The Low Income Energy Network (“LIEN”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) requested eligibility for an award of costs in relation to this initiative.

Both requests were posted on the OEB’s website. No objections were filed in response to either of the requests.

Board Findings on Requests for Eligibility for Cost Awards

Based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, the Board finds that LIEN and VECC are eligible for an award of costs in relation to this consultation.

DATED at Toronto, September 3, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary