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## **BY E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING**

March 31, 2009

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors  
All Natural Gas Distributors  
Green Energy Coalition  
Green Light on a Better Environment**

**Re: Cost Awards  
Consultation Process on Energy Issues Relating to Low Income  
Consumers  
Board File No.: EB-2008-0150**

On December 19, 2008 the Board issued a Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards (the "Notice") for the Consultation on Energy Issues Relating to Low Income Consumers (EB-2008-0150), in relation to costs for preparing for, attending at, and reporting on the stakeholder conference that was held from September 22 – 25, 2008, and for providing written comments following completion of the stakeholder conference.

On March 17, 2009 the Board issued its Decision and Order on Cost Awards (the "Decision and Order") for this consultation.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Decision and Order, the Board received cost claims from Green Energy Coalition (GEC) and Green Light on a Better Environment (GLOBE).

In accordance with the Board's Decision on Cost Eligibility, issued August 15, 2008, GEC and GLOBE are eligible for an award of costs in this consultation.

GEC reported that its records indicate that it prepared a cost claim, but it is unsure whether it inadvertently failed to deliver the claim or whether the claim was lost en route.

GLOBE reported that it did not receive or notice the Board's Notice, which requested that parties submit cost award documents by January 9, 2009. GLOBE did not file a

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cost claim by the required date. The Board has confirmed that the Notice was delivered to a representative of GLOBE.

The Board has determined that it will consider the cost claims filed by GEC and GLOBE.

1. Licensed electricity and natural gas distributors will have until **April 14, 2009** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed by GEC and GLOBE. A copy of the objection must be filed with the Board and one copy must be served on the eligible party against whose claim the objection is being made.
2. The eligible party whose cost claim was objected to will have until **April 21, 2009** 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 distributor.

The Board will then issue its decision on the cost awards.

Any costs claimed by GEC and GLOBE that are approved by the Board will be included in the next scheduled assessments to licensed electricity and natural gas distributors, made under section 26 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

Please note that the cost awards that are the subject of this letter are separate from the cost award process in relation to comment on the Report of the Board on the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (the "Report"), and Notice of Proposal to Amend Codes (the "Notice of Proposal"), both issued March 10, 2009. A Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards in relation to costs incurred in respect of the Report and the Notice of Proposal will be issued in due course.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

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Assistant Board Secretary