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Ms. Kirsten Walli *26/5/09*  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: File Number EB-2008-0150, LEAP Implementation Working Groups  
Nomination to Participate on the Financial Assistance Working Group

Please accept this letter as my request to participate in the work to be conducted by the Financial Assistance Working Group.

I have been a member of the Low Income Energy Network for the past four years. In my present position as a social worker with Legal Assistance of Windsor, I routinely deal with cases of low-income persons and families struggling to maintain their utilities. These clients range from young individuals to seniors. While clients may be on fixed incomes, many are the working poor who work full time at minimum wage jobs.

Prior to my current position, I was the program manager for the T.H.R.I.V.E Project which provided service to persons facing issues of poverty in the rural areas of Essex County. In this capacity I worked closely with the Share the Warmth Program and social services in providing utility assistance to individuals and families.

I have a keen interest in the issue of energy poverty and the effects on vulnerable populations. To this end I have participated and continue to participate in the local poverty reduction planning for Windsor and Essex County. I wish to represent the needs of low-income persons and families in our area that struggle to maintain their utilities.

If selected as a member of the working group, I request consideration for the Cost Award Eligibility. This request is based upon the eligibility criteria “primarily represents the direct interests of consumers in relation to regulated services”. I am requesting reimbursement of out-of-town travel (transportation, meals and hotel if necessary).

My employer is aware of my interest in participating with the Financial Assistance Working Group.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 519-256-7831, extension 215. My email address is [trepanierm@lao.on.ca](mailto:trepanierm@lao.on.ca). Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcel Trepanier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Marcel Trepanier, BSW, RSW  
Staff Social Worker