

IN THE MATTER of an Application by Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. for an Order or Orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the transmission of electricity commencing October 1, 2007.

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE
SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION**

1. The School Energy Coalition applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.

General Interest of the Intervenor

2. The School Energy Coalition is a coalition established to represent the interests of all Ontario publicly-funded schools in matters relating to energy regulation, policy, and management. It is made up all seven of the major school-related organizations, representing all of the school boards, and all levels of school management, and through them representing the approximately 5000 schools and about 2 million students in Ontario. The primary goal of these organizations is to promote and enhance public education for the benefit of all students and citizens of Ontario.
3. The intervenor's members have a significant interest in the activities of regulated utilities and their affiliates in the province, due to the severe financial implications those activities have on school boards, their students and the people of the province of Ontario. Utility costs are one of the most significant cost pressures facing school boards. The cost of energy services to the intervenor's members is currently in excess of \$370 million, and has increased rapidly over the last five years. To produce balanced budgets in the face of ever increasing utility costs, school boards have repeatedly been forced to cut essential programs and services to the detriment of the students and the public of the province of Ontario.

Issues to be Addressed and Intervenor's Intended Participation

4. Based on our reading of the Notice of Application and Hearing, SEC's intended participation will focus on the following issues:
 - i.) The appropriateness of the Applicant's request for an increase to its 2007 distribution rates to allow it to recover expected expenses for taxes or Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILS") from October 1, 2007 onwards.

Nature of Hearing Requested

5. Without having seen the Applicant's evidence, the School Energy Coalition cannot make submissions on whether an oral or written hearing is required. At a minimum, SEC requests that it be granted an opportunity to cross-examine the Applicant's witnesses if, after reviewing the evidence, SEC believes it necessary to do so to complete the record.

Counsel/Representative

6. The School Energy Coalition requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board by each party to this proceeding be served on the Applicant, and on the Applicant's counsel and case manager as follows:

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Costs

7. The School Energy Coalition intends to apply for recovery of its costs reasonably incurred in the course of its intervention in this matter. The School Energy Coalition has participated in many past natural gas and electricity proceedings in Ontario, including the Natural Gas Forum, consultations, rate cases, and other processes and hearings, and has been found eligible to be paid its reasonably incurred costs in all of those proceedings.
8. The School Energy Coalition is eligible for a cost award because it "primarily represents the interests of consumers (e.g. ratepayers) in relation to regulated services". School boards are one of the largest groups of non-industrial energy consumers in the province, and their energy costs have a direct impact on the education of millions of Ontario children. The formation of the School Energy Coalition ensured that all representatives of the interests of schools participated jointly in OEB proceedings.
9. The School Energy Coalition is not ineligible by reason of any of the criteria contained in section 3.05 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the School Energy Coalition this 29th day of August, 2007.

SHIBLEY RIGHTON LLP

Per: _____
John De Vellis

