

Monday, October 5, 2009

To: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board
Re: Notice of Application for cost award concerning EB-2009-0326

Background

Lexco is a consulting firm with an interest in developing gas-fired, load-displacement, Combined Heat and Power (CHP) applications embedded within commercial properties. We have undertaken a feasibility study to consider the economic, technical, and legal issues associated with developing a large number of such projects.

The issue of "a just and reasonable rate to recover the costs associated with embedded generators having a nameplate capacity of 10 Kw. or less" bears directly on our business planning.

The intervention should be eligible for a cost award under Practice Direction on Cost Award 3.03 (b) "primarily represents a public interest relevant to the Board's mandate".

Gas-fired, load-displacement, CHP applications embedded within commercial properties, sized to meet the heat load of the host will improve the efficiency with which natural gas is used by creating a combination of electricity and commercial hot water. Improvements in energy efficiency will reduce emissions and fuel costs. Therefore, such an initiative falls with the Board mandate of Green Energy initiative.

Sincerely,

Alex MacDonald