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Ontario Energy Board  
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Attention: Board Secretary

**Re: Reasonable rate to recover the costs associated with embedded generators having a nameplate capacity of < 10 kW, Board File No. EB-2009-0326**

## **CanSIA RESPONSES TO BOARD STAFF INTERROGATORIES**

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With respect to the statement "...it is our understanding that some leading LDC's in Ontario as well as BC Hydro already provide many of these services to micro-scale generators at little or no cost" in the "Cost Elements to be recovered" and "Rate Design" sections of the 1st reference:

### **Question One**

Please provide the names of the Ontario distributors referenced in the statement.

### **Response**

The companies referred to in this statement include:

- Enersource Corporation
- PowerStream
- Toronto Hydro
- Veridian Corporation

### **Question Two**

Please specify the nature of the services that CanSIA believes are provided at little or no cost by certain Ontario distributors and BC Hydro.

**Response**

The services that CanSIA believes are provided at little or no cost by certain Ontario distributors and BC Hydro include:

- Meter Locates for installing electricians
- Occasional site meetings to determine meter locate
- Issuing hand-drawn sketches of required changes to service entrance for connection
- Installation of meters
- Administrative fees

**Question Three**

Further please specify which of these services are provided at no cost and which services are provided at little cost. In the latter case please also provide the cost.

**Response**

It is CanSIA's understanding that the majority of these services are provided at no cost with the exception of administrative fees that approximately total \$15 / month.

**Question Four**

Please also indicate whether it is the intent of these entities to provide these services at little or no cost on a permanent basis or as a transitional measure.

**Response**

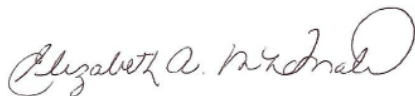
It is CanSIA's understanding that Enersource offered to perform these services at no or low cost initially and may move to a pay for service structure in time. CanSIA is not aware of the intent of the other utilities to provide these services on a permanent basis or as a transitional measure.

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CanSIA appreciates this opportunity to provide input regarding the OEB proceeding to determine a just and reasonable rate to recover the costs associated with embedded generators having a nameplate capacity of up to 10 kW and looks forward to working cooperatively with the OEB.

Yours Truly,



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President