



EB-2007-0722

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost award eligibility for interested parties in a consultation process regarding issues associated with the provision of service by electricity distributors and the manner in which electricity distributors apply certain charges.

BEFORE: Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Board Member

DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

On September 6, 2007, the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) issued a letter to interested parties giving notice of the consultation process that the Board intends to use regarding issues associated with the provision of service by electricity distributors and the manner in which electricity distributors apply certain charges. That letter also notified interested parties that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to their participation in this consultation process, and that any costs awarded would be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors.

Forty-one interested parties have indicated their interest in participating in this consultation process. A list of all registered participants is attached as Appendix A to this Decision.

The Board received requests for cost eligibility from the following participants:

- Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area;
- Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario; and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.

Electricity distributors were given an opportunity to file any objections they might have in relation to the eligibility of the above-noted participants for an award of costs. The Board did not receive any objections from distributors.

Based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, the Board has determined that the following participants are eligible for awards of costs in this process: the Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area; the Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario; and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition. The Board expects that these participants will make every effort to communicate and co-ordinate their participation in this process to the extent that they represent the same interests or class of persons.

ISSUED at Toronto, October 12, 2007.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

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Cathy Spoel
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APPENDIX A

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