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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 on the Regulated Price Plan's
time-of-use pricing framework.

BEFORE: Paul Vlahos,
Presiding Member

DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY AND FILING OF COST CLAIMS

On April 17, 2008, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") issued a letter that announced the Board's intent to initiate a consultation process on potential changes to the methodology for setting Regulated Price Plan time-of-use prices.

In the April 17th letter, the Board stated that cost awards will be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to their participation in this initiative. The Board also stated that the costs to be awarded will be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

The Board received requests for cost eligibility on or before the April 29, 2008 deadline from the following interested parties:

- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC);
- Pollution Probe;
- Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area (BOMA);
- London Property Management Association (LPMA);
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC); and,
- Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME).

By letter dated May 15, 2008, 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, by May 22, 2008. The Board did not receive any objections from distributors.

The consultation has taken place and ended with the issuance of a revised Regulated Price Plan Manual.

Based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (the "Practice Direction"), the Board has determined that all of the above participants that requested eligibility are eligible for an award of costs in this consultation process.

The above participants shall file their cost claims (up to the maximum of 30 hours as previously stipulated) by March 1, 2010.

ISSUED at Toronto, February 19, 2010

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Paul Vlahos
Presiding Member