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Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: *EB-2010-0215* in the matter of cost award eligibility for interested parties in a consultation process on the creation of a proposed Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Code for Electricity Distributors; and

EB-2010-0175 in the matter of cost award eligibility for interested parties in the application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. for approval of its 2011 Natural Gas Demand Side Management (DSM) Plan.

This letter is to respectfully request that the Board reconsider its decision with respect to the cost award eligibility of Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA).

OSEA would like to clarify its mandate and membership¹ and establish that OSEA does represent a public interest issue with respect to the issues in the above noted proceedings.

The organization was established to promote the vision of assisting Ontario to transition to 100% sustainable energy. The Board, in its decisions noted that OSEA's mandate is to promote renewable energy and community sustainability. To clarify, renewable energy and energy efficiency are the twin pillars of sustainable energy and so OSEA has a dual mandate in two different but complementary technical areas that both support the overall goal of community sustainability. We ask that the Board recognize the other part of

¹ A more detailed listing of OSEA's current board of directors and members is attached.



OSEA's mandate (energy efficiency) in determining whether OSEA represents a public interest issue with respect to the issues in the above noted proceedings².

The *Green Energy and Green Economy Act* (Ontario) (the "**GEGEA**") has helped to forward the objectives of sustainable energy and with the passing of the GEGEA, sustainable energy has now become a part of the public interest.

OSEA has demonstrated its commitment to this public interest issue though its broad advocacy and capacity building roles and can play a meaningful role in the above noted proceedings as it has done in the past. OSEA received cost award eligibility in the proceedings relating to the DSM Guidelines for Natural Gas Distributors (EB-2010-0346), among others such as the Integrated Power System Plan.

In conclusion, the GEGEA resulted in a broadened set of objectives for the Board³ to include areas that fall under the ambit of sustainable energy. For this reason, we feel that OSEA does indeed represent a public interest issue with respect to the issues in the above noted proceedings and we respectfully request your reconsideration.

We look forward to receiving your decision.

Yours truly Cherie Brant **OSEA** cc:

² As an aside, we also ask that the Board distinguish our generator members from the traditional generators in Ontario for future proceedings that address generation matters. At this time, our generators are mainly co-operative corporations comprised of individuals. They are not large corporations that have invested in generation for profit making purposes, but are individuals that believe in the mandate of sustainable energy. In fact, many of our special generators are only now in process of developing and constructing their projects and many have yet to apply or receive a Feed-in-Tariff contract. We believe these individuals still represent a valid public interest notwithstanding their support of generation activities and therefore that special circumstances exist to find their participation (when required) meaningful and unique and deserving of cost award eligibility.

³ Schedule D to the GEGEA amended the objectives of the Board in the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 to include the promotion of conservation of electricity and demand management, the facilitation of investments to implement a smart grid and the promotion of the use and generation of electricity from renewable energy sources.



OSEA - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. Robert Hellier, Chair and Director, *Coordinator of the Sustainable Energy & Building Technology Program at Humber College;*
- 2. Derek Satnik, Vice-Chair and Director, *Member: Canada Green Building Council Committee, Community Renewable Energy Waterloo, Local Initiative for Future Energy, Net Zero Energy Housing Coalition, Principal: Mindscape Innovations.*
- 3. William Big Bull, Director, *First Nations consultant to wind power projects on First Nations Lands*
- 4. David DeYoe, Director, Rural development, sustainable community development and bio-economic strategy proponent, Principal: Bio-Trend Systems Inc.
- 5. Graham Findlay, Director, Consulting energy project developer and asset manager for several Institutional and First Nations clients, Principal: 3G Energy
- 6. Paul Finley, Director, *Member Greater Sudbury Business Development Team, Chair of Environmental Committee of Municipality of West Nippising;*
- 7. Jim Fonger, Treasurer and Director, *Principal: GEBOC, specializing in helping organizations discover, develop and finance new green economy initiatives;*
- 8. Judith Lipp, Director, *Executive director of Toronto Renewable Energy Cooperative, involved in management of Lakewind Energy project, SolarShare project, supporting role to Green Energy Act Alliance in its campaign to introduce the Green Energy Act;*
- 9. Roger Peltier, Director, Energy planner for Wikwemikong First Nation
- 10. Karim Saleh, Secretary and Director, *Principal: SKON Technologies, wind power* development company;
- 11. Paul Charbonneau, Director, Solar and Sustainable industries proponent, Principal: EnergyAdvocate.ca;
- 12. Tom Heintzman, Advisor to the Board for Households; *Former legal practitioner* to Sierra Legal Defence, Zenon Environmental and co-founder of BullFrog Power;

OSEA – LIST OF MEMBERS

ASSOCIATIONS

AgriEnergy Producers' Association of Ontario Canadian Solar Industries Association Canadian Union of Skilled Workers Canadian Wind Energy Association Ontario Co-operative Association Sustainable Energy Alliance



ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Camerado Energy Consulting Inc. Cote Design Crooked House Inc. Elliott Sinclair Fraser & Company Kameleon Marketing Communications New Media Architects

EMERGING COMMUNITY POWER GROUPS

A&T Energy Burritt's Rapids Community Association Orangeville & Dufferin County Wind Co-op Simcoe Huronia Association for Renewable Energy

COMMUNITY POWER GROUPS

Burlington Green

CREDIT UNIONS

Italian Canadian Savings & Credit Union

MANUFACTURERS

Enercon Canada Inc. Green-First Technologies Morgan Solar REpower Systems Inc. Schuco Canada Inc. Solar Solutions Canada Wind Simplicity Inc.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Centennial Energy Institute Durham Sustain Ability Earth Rangers Windfall Ecology Centre

ENERGY CO-OPS

AgEnergy Cooperative



Barrie Wind Catchers Community Renewable Energy Waterloo (CREW) Countryside Energy Co-op Green Timiskaming Development Co-operative Inc. Local Initiative for Future Energy (LIFE) Co-operative Minnow Lake Wind Co-op Superior Renewable Energy Co-operative (SREC) Sustainable Ottawa Community Energy Co-operative Toronto Renewable Energy Co-operative (TREC) Upper Lakes Environmental Research Network (ULERN) Windy Hills Caledon Renewable Energy

OTHER ASSOCIATES

Canadian German Chamber of Industry and Commerce Canada's Outdoor Farm Show & Canadian Energy Expo Collingwood Properties Realty CID Detroit Diesel-Allison Canada East EvolutionGreen.com Pro-Power & Energy Think Green Alliance Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

3G Energy Corp. Advanced Green Technologies Alternate Power International AMP Solar Group AxiA Solar Centre for Applied Renewable Energy EnergyAdvocate.ca Eolectric Inc. **Generation Seven Consulting** Helix Synergy Leader Energy Main Street Power Company Mainstream Renewable Power PACE Preneal Canada Roubos Wind Energy Saturn Power Schneider Power **SKON** Technologies SkyPower Limited



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FAITH COMMUNITIES

AMJ Canada (Ahmadiyya Muslim Community) Neighbourhood Unitarian Universal Congregation

MUNICIPALITIES

Blind River Development Corporation Economic Development Corporation of Wawa Hearst and Area Economic Development Corporation Kapuskasing Economic Development Corporation North Shore Power Group Prince Edward County Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership Township of Wellington North

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

M.K. Ince & Associates

VENDORS/DISTRIBUTORS/INSTALLERS

BuyWise Energy Consultants Inc. Canadian Solar Solutions Inc. EfstonScience Inc. EthoSolar Grid-Tie Solar Friendly Fuel Solutions Intervolt Electric Ltd. Pioneer Solar Solar Stream Green Energy Group

ONTARIO UTILITIES

Fort Albany Power Corporation

OTHER ASSOCIATES

Farmers for Economic Opportunity Golden Dawn Senior Citizen's Home Harbourfront Centre Warren Woods Land Corporation

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