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**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Rate-Regulated Natural Gas Distributors
Consumers Council of Canada
Housing Help Association of Ontario
Low Income Energy Network
Salvation Army Centre of Hope
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition**

**Re: Cost Award Information in relation to Participation on the Financial
Assistance Working Group**

The purpose of this letter is to provide information about eligibility for cost awards in relation to participation on the Board's Financial Assistance Working Group. This letter also sets out the maximum allowable hours for participation on the working group.

Eligibility for Costs

As part of the first phase of meetings of the Financial Assistance Working Group that began in July 2009, the following parties requested, and were determined to be eligible for, an award of costs for their participation on the Financial Assistance Working Group as set out in the Board's Decision on Cost Eligibility, dated June 17, 2009: Consumers Council of Canada, Housing Help Association of Ontario, Low Income Energy Network, Salvation Army Centre of Hope and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (altogether, the "eligible parties").

The Board has determined that the participants identified in the Board's June 17, 2009 Decision on Cost Eligibility, and listed above, will be considered eligible for costs in relation to participation in meetings of the Financial Assistance Working Group that will begin in August 2010 and need not submit a further request for cost eligibility.

Eligible Activities

Cost awards for eligible parties for participation on the Financial Assistance Working Groups will be available for a maximum of 12 hours per meeting day, covering preparation, attendance and reporting time. These hourly limits apply to each eligible party, and not to each individual participant acting on behalf of the eligible party.

In addition, eligible parties are reminded that they should ensure that they have the ability to process any cheques that may be issued to them for any awards of costs approved by the Board.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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Board Secretary