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## **VIA E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING**

August 3, 2010

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors  
Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario  
Association of Power Producers of Ontario  
Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters  
Canadian Wind Energy Association  
Consumers Council of Canada  
Council of Canadians  
London Property Management Association  
National Chief's Office  
Northwatch  
Ontario Waterpower Association  
Pollution Probe  
School Energy Coalition  
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition**

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards  
Connection Cost Responsibility for Renewable Distributed Generation  
Board File No.: EB-2009-0077**

### **Background**

On June 5, 2009, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") issued a Notice of Proposal to Amend a Code (the "June Notice") by which it initiated a consultation process to revise the Board's approach to assigning cost responsibility in relation to the connection of renewable generation facilities to distribution systems.

In the June Notice, the Board stated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons in relation to their participation in the consultation under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"), and that costs awarded would be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

Based on the Board's June 29, 2009 Decision on Cost Eligibility and subsequent correspondence dated July 2, 2009, the following thirteen participants are eligible for an award of costs in this consultation: Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario; Association of Power Producers of Ontario; Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters;

Canadian Wind Energy Association; Consumers Council of Canada; Council of Canadians; London Property Management Association; National Chief's Office; Northwatch; Ontario Waterpower Association; Pollution Probe; School Energy Coalition; and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (collectively, the "eligible participants").

The activities for which cost awards are available in this consultation are the following:

- i. Provision of written comments on proposed amendments to the Distribution System Code as set out in Attachment A to the June Notice, up to a **maximum of 20 hours**.
- ii. Provision of written comments on revised proposed amendments to the Distribution System Code as set out in Attachment A to the Board's September 11, 2009 Notice of Revised Proposed Amendments to a Code, up to a **maximum of 10 hours**.
- iii. Provision of written comments on further revised proposed amendments to the Distribution System Code as set out in Attachment A to the Board's March 11, 2010 Notice of Revised Proposed Amendments to a Code, up to a **maximum of 5 hours**.

### **Notice of Hearing**

The Board is initiating this hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that will be made in accordance with section 30 of the Act in relation to this consultation. The file number for this hearing is **EB-2009-0077**.

The Board intends to proceed by way of written hearing unless a party can satisfy the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If a party wants to object to a written hearing, the objection must be received by the Board no later than **7 days** after the date of this notice.

Assuming that the Board does not receive any objections to a written hearing, the hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. Eligible participants shall submit their cost claims by **August 24, 2010**. A copy of the cost claim must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on each licensed electricity distributor. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. In addition to the required documentation as set out in the Practice Direction, to expedite the review of cost claims the Board asks eligible participants to submit a cost claim summary as illustrated in Attachment A.
2. Electricity distributors will have until **September 7, 2010** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. A copy of the objection must be filed with the Board and one copy must be served on the eligible participant against whose claim the objection is being made.

3. An eligible participant whose cost claim was objected to will have until **September 21, 2010** to make a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be allowed. A copy of the reply submission must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on the objecting electricity distributor.

The Board will then issue its decision on cost awards. The Board's costs may also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

Service of cost claims, objections and reply submissions on other parties may be effected by courier, registered mail, facsimile or e-mail.

All submissions in this hearing (i.e., cost claims, objections, or responses), will form part of the public record. Copies of the submissions will be available for inspection at the Board's office during normal business hours and the submissions may be published on the Board's website.

Parties must file two paper copies and one electronic copy of their submissions with the Board Secretary by **4:45 pm** on the required dates. The Board requests that interested parties make every effort to provide electronic copies of their filings in searchable/unrestricted Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, and to submit their filings through the Board's web portal at [www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca). A user ID is required to submit documents through the Board's web portal. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-filings services" webpage on the Board's website at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca), and fill out a user ID password request. Additionally, interested parties are requested to follow the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the document entitled "RESS Document Preparation – A Quick Guide" also found on the e-filing services webpage. If the Board's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by e-mail at [boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca](mailto:boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca). Those that do not have internet access should provide a CD containing their filing in PDF format.

All submissions must quote file number **EB-2009-0077** and include your name, address, telephone number and, where available, your e-mail address and fax number.

**If you do not file a letter objecting to a written hearing or do not participate in the hearing by filing written submissions in accordance with this Notice, the Board may proceed without your participation and you will not be entitled to further notice in this proceeding.**

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary