



Low-Income Energy Network

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Board Secretary
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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700
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Re: Amendments to Distribution System, Retail Settlement, and Standard Service Supply codes; EB-2007-0722

Dear Ms. Walli:

In accordance with the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, the Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN) hereby applies for late intervenor status in EB-2007-0722.

In the previous part of this proceeding, Advocacy Centre Tenants Ontario (ACTO) took the lead in representing the Joint Low-Income Representatives: LIEN, Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), Toronto Environmental Alliance (TEA), and Income Security Advocacy Centre (ISAC). ACTO has requested that LIEN now assume the leadership role of this group and coordinate the input of all members. In fulfilling this role, LIEN is seeking costs for LIEN's selected consultants in the preparation of our comments.

LIEN is an organization that represents more than 80 member groups across Ontario, including energy, public health, legal, tenant/housing, education, social and community organizations. As a network representing the intersection of interests related to low-income consumers and energy and sustainability, LIEN's focus is on reducing the energy bills of all low-income consumers. To ensure that all low-income consumers across Ontario have access to energy, these consumers require a comprehensive array of assistance that includes: consumer protection policies and education, bill assistance, aggressive conservation and demand management/demand side management (CDM/DSM) defined as providing deep energy savings per low-income consumer and broad consumer participation across the province, and emergency financial assistance. LIEN is a well-recognized intervenor in other Board proceedings, including those concerning the issue of CDM/DSM.

LIEN requests that the Board find it eligible for costs under section 3.03 (a) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards. LIEN "primarily represents the direct interests of residential consumers in relation to regulated services." LIEN has been accepted as a party eligible for an award of costs in other proceedings before the Board.

As a not-for-profit organization, LIEN's participation in this proceeding is dependent on any cost awards it receives. LIEN intends to coordinate its efforts with other intervenors to avoid duplication where possible. LIEN has retained Marion Fraser and Judy Simon to provide consulting advice to LIEN in this proceeding. Both consultants are experts in issues related to low-income energy customers in Ontario and have been retained for advice in many proceedings by LIEN, and other clients.

LIEN requests that copies of written materials in electronic or other format concerning this proceeding be sent to:

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