

December 19, 2007

Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Via email to BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca and by courier

Dear Board Secretary:

**Re: Board File No. EB-2007-0791
Ontario Power Authority
Fiscal 2008 – Expenditure, Revenue and Fees Submission**

The Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) is the voice of Ontario's local distribution companies (LDCs). The EDA represents the interests of almost 90 publicly and privately owned LDCs in Ontario.

The EDA intends to participate in the Board's review of the Ontario Power Authority's (OPA) Fiscal 2008 – Expenditure, Revenue and Fees Submission. In a Minister's Directive, dated July 13, 2006, Minister Duncan directs the OPA "to assume responsibility to coordinate and fund the delivery of electricity conservation and demand-side management (CDM) programs" by Ontario's LDCs. The Directive further notes that LDCs "should be key conservation delivery agents". Consequently, LDCs have an interest in ensuring that OPA's submission is fair and equitable, and does not place an undue burden on Ontario's ultimate customer: the consumer. In this situation, the EDA will be acting as an advocate for the best interests of consumers and LDCs.

The EDA intends to retain external consultants to assist in its participation in the Board's review process and accordingly, seeks costs for its involvement. The EDA submits that it is in the Board's interest, and in the interests of consumers to permit the EDA to apply for costs. The EDA has always confined its interventions to matters of broad policy that affect electricity consumers and the distribution sector. Further, EDA represents an identifiable constituency and it represents a combined, significant expertise in the matters relevant to this submission.

Finally, it is the opinion of the EDA that the interests of the Ontario consumer would be best served if this submission is the subject of an oral hearing.

Please note that correspondence to the EDA on this proceeding should be directed to the attention of Richard Zebrowski, Vice-President, Policy & Corporate Affairs (rzebrowski@eda-on.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.C. Macaluso', with a stylized flourish at the end.

C.C. (Charlie) Macaluso
President & Chief Executive Officer

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