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IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF cost award eligibility for
interested parties in a consultation process to develop
guidance to the electricity industry in relation to
establishment, implementation and promotion of a smart
grid in Ontario.

BEFORE Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY

On January 13, 2011, the Board issued a letter announcing a consultation to develop guidance to electricity distributors, transmitters and other regulated entities for which the Board regulates fees and expenditures that propose to undertake smart grid activities in Ontario. The consultation is part of the Board's response to a directive (the "Directive") issued by the Minister of Energy pursuant to section 28.5 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act"). The Board's January 13, 2011 letter indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the Act in relation to their participation in this consultation, and that the costs awarded would be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors and transmitters. The due date for the filing of cost eligibility requests was January 24, 2011.

On or before January 24, 2011, the Board received a request for cost eligibility from the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario ("AMPCO").

On April 4, 2011, the Board issued a decision on cost eligibility in relation to the Board's consultation on smart grid that did not include cost eligibility for AMPCO.

Based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (the "Practice Direction"), the Board has determined that AMPCO is eligible for an award of costs in this consultation.

ISSUED at Toronto, April 8, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Board Secretary