



EB-2011-0286

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
COST AWARDS - CONSULTATION PROCESS ON
ONTARIO POWER GENERATION INC.
2013-2014 PAYMENT AMOUNTS APPLICATION**

Background

On September 8, 2011, the Board initiated a consultation process on the filing guidelines for Ontario Power Generation's ("OPG") next payment amounts application and to address the most effective means by which issues and evidence might be reviewed and tested in the course of that proceeding.

The filing guidelines and a letter outlining the procedural process the Board plans to implement for the 2013-2014 payment amounts proceeding were issued on November 11, 2011.

In the correspondence issued on September 8, 2011, the Board stated that cost awards would be available to eligible parties for their participation in the consultation. Parties eligible for cost awards in the previous payment amounts case, EB-2010-0008, are eligible for cost awards in the consultation process. The activities eligible for cost awards relate to the written comments on the prioritization of issues and the filing guidelines. The Board's letter set a limit of 15 total hours per eligible participant.

Notice of Hearing

The Board is initiating this hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that may be made in accordance with section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) in relation to the consultation process on OPG's 2013-2014 payment amounts application. The file number of this hearing is EB-2011-0286.

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 Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following procedural matters.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. The eligible parties shall submit their cost claims by **December 5, 2011**. A copy of the cost claim must be filed with the Board and with OPG. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.
2. OPG will have until **December 9, 2011** 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 party against whose claim the objection is being made.
3. The eligible party whose cost claim was objected to will have until **December 14, 2011** to make a reply submission. A copy of the reply submission must be filed with the Board and with OPG.

The Board's costs will also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

All filings in relation to this notice of hearing for cost awards must quote file number **EB-2011-0286**, be made through the Board's web portal at <https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

Filings must be received by **4:45 pm** on the required date.

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.

ISSUED at Toronto, November 24, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

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Board Secretary