

## Low-Income Energy Network

c/o Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario 425 Adelaide St. West, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3C1 Voice: 416--597-5855 ext. 5167, Fax: 416-597-5821

January 10, 2012
Sent by courier and through the Board's web portal

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli,

Re: Request for LIEN eligibility for cost award in EB-2011-0004 and EB-2011-0043 (Consultation on Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity)

The Board has previously determined that LIEN is eligible for a cost award in EB-2010-0377, EB-2010-0378 and EB-2010-0379. Until the Board Staff consultation on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 regarding the rate mitigation proceeding, EB-2010-0378, LIEN did not have a concern regarding its eligibility. However, at the consultation, Board Staff made it clear that rate mitigation would be considered in all of the RRF proceedings. In addition, EB-2010-0379 would be limited to rate mitigation issues remaining to be considered by the Board after transmitters/distributors had dealt with courses of action regarding rate mitigation.

Since setting appropriate rates for the residential sector is key to LIEN's mandate of protecting low-income energy consumers, LIEN kindly requests the Board to expand the approval of LIEN's cost award eligibility to include EB-2011-0004 and EB-2011-0043 so that LIEN has the opportunity to address rate mitigation issues in these proceedings.

LIEN apologizes for the delay in filing due to the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mary Todorow

Mary Lodorow

On behalf of Zee Bhanji, Coordinator Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN) 425 Adelaide St. West, 5th floor Toronto, ON M5V 3C1 Tel: 416.597.5855 ext. 5167

Fax: 416.597.5821