



February 13, 2012

Mr. John Pickernell
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Ontario Energy Board
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SUBJECT: OEB Invoice 2011116

I am in receipt of the above noted Invoice regarding Board file # EB-2011-0067 addressed to Mr. Scott Stoll, our legal counsel in the matter. I wish to express my concern both with respect to the requirement for payment at this late date and with respect to the assessment of such costs on our Not-for-Profit organization.

I note that the cost allocation "decision" referenced in the accompanying documentation was made specifically in response to a request by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association (CME) to which the OWA did not object. The reference to incidental Board costs was *added* to this decision and did not appear in previous correspondence from the Board.

The Association has had to invest significant resources in order to simply participate in what is intended to be an open and available process. Advertising and translation requirements alone represented a considerable burden. I would hope that some regard for the kind of applicant bringing a request forward to the Board would be granted in the determination of financial obligations.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Norris", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Paul Norris
President
Ontario Waterpower Association

Copy: Mr. Scott Stoll, Aird and Berlis