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Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Intervenor Status and Cost Eligibility Request on Behalf of the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)  
Policy Review of Micro-Embedded Generation Connection Issues  
Board File Number: EB-2012-0246**

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The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (“OSEA”) respectfully requests that it be permitted to intervene in this matter and that it be found eligible for costs in this proceeding.

**Request for Intervenor Status**

OSEA seeks intervenor status for the following reasons:

1. It is a province-wide, non-profit organization representing approximately 200 members centered on the vision of sustainable energy development. OSEA promotes the view that every Ontarian can be a conserver and generator of sustainable energy. A list of its members can be found at: <http://www.ontario-sea.org>.
2. As a founding member of the Green Energy Act Alliance that helped to shape Ontario’s *Green Energy and Green Economy Act*, OSEA played a key role in assisting Ontario to make the transition to a more sustainable energy future and wishes to continue to actively participate in the legal and policy processes that support sustainable energy development.
3. All of OSEA members share a common interest in supporting and promotion of renewable energy development and sustainable energy processes in Ontario. OSEA advances a vision of small scale and local community based power



generation among other sustainable energy practices. OSEA promotes the combination of conservation and generation with the goal to create a sustainable energy future for Ontario. For OSEA and its membership, a sustainable energy future is a public interest of all Ontarians.

4. OSEA has been granted intervenor status by the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) in similar hearings, such as in the OEB Integrated Power System Plan hearing EB 2007-0707 and in the OEB Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Consultation hearings, EB-2010-0377, EB-2010-0378, EB-2010-0379, EB-2011-0043 and EB-2011-0004.
5. OSEA has been actively involved in the development of the MicroFIT program since it was launched in 2009. OSEA was appointed as a member of the OPA Advisory Committee to review issues and recommendations regarding the MicroFIT program.

#### **Request for Cost Award Eligibility**

OSEA seeks funding for the participation of its counsel and expert advisor (Ms. Marion Fraser, Fraser & Company).

OSEA requests that it be determined eligible for a cost award on the following grounds:

1. OSEA is a not for profit organization that is committed to representing the public interest on energy policy matters that contribute or impede sustainable energy development for Ontario. Its membership consists of several non-profit/community organizations that advocate for a variety of interest groups including ratepayers. Further, OSEA’s membership includes thousands of individual ratepayers.
2. OSEA’s members, both individuals and organizations, are interested in the development of sustainable energy in Ontario as consumers, individuals and citizens of Ontario.
3. OSEA is not a trade or industry association representing any specific product suppliers, generators, or specific generation technologies.
4. OSEA was an intervenor in the Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for a Six Month Exemption from the Timelines to Connection Micro-embedded Generators hearing EB 2011-0118. In the hearing, the OEB awarded costs to OSEA, recognizing that OSEA could provide “an important and unique perspective in the matter.”
5. OSEA does not have funds of its own to allocate towards its meaningful participation in this matter.



If OSEA is awarded intervenor status and the cost award requested herein, OSEA intends to participate in the consultation process to improve the connection process for micro-embedded generation, and the success of the MicroFIT program.

OSEA requests that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following parties:

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cherie L. Brant'.

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cc: Mr. Kristopher Stevens, Executive Director, OSEA

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