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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 regarding the Ontario
Energy Board's Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping
Requirements.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Cathy Spoel
Member

DECISION ON COST ELIGIBILITY
June 20, 2012

On March 7, 2012, the Board issued a letter announcing the launch of a comprehensive review of the Board's Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements (the "Electricity RRR") and providing details of the first step in that review; namely, small group discussions with Board staff on certain issues pertaining to the Electricity RRR. In the same letter, the Board: (i) invited interested parties to submit expressions of interest in participating in the small group discussions; (ii) indicated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in respect of their participation in those discussions, to a maximum of 4 hours of preparation time for the initial meeting plus actual meeting time; and (iii) that costs awarded would be recovered from all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

The Board received cost eligibility requests from the Low-Income Energy Network ("LIEN") and the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") by the deadline established for that purpose in the Board's March 7, 2012 letter, and both LIEN and SEC were selected to participate in the small group discussions referred to above.

Electricity distributors were given until March 28, 2012 to file any objections that they might have in relation to the eligibility of the above-noted participants for an award of costs. The Board did not receive any objections from distributors.

Based on the criteria set out in section 3 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, the Board has determined that LIEN and SEC are eligible for an award of costs in respect of their participation in the small group discussion phase of this consultation.

The Board anticipates that there will be at least one further small group meeting beyond the initial meeting held on June 13, 2012. Cost awards will be available to each of LIEN and SEC in respect of their participation in such future meetings, to a maximum of up to 10 hours per meeting which will cover preparation, meeting time and reporting.

ISSUED at Toronto, June 20, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Board Secretary