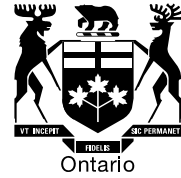


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July 27, 2012

Mary Caldwell
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LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Ms. Caldwell:

**Re: Consumers Energy Company
Application for an Electricity Wholesaler Licence
Board File No. EB-2012-0319**

The Ontario Energy Board has completed a preliminary review of your application. The Board expects to render a decision and/or order in this application on or about October 15, 2012.

The Board has now issued its Notice of Application and Written Hearing relating to your electricity wholesaler licence application. The Board has posted the Notice on its website.

You are directed:

1. To post the enclosed Notice, headed with the Ontario government logo and the words "Ontario Energy Board", on your website, if available by August 3, 2012.
2. To make a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Consumers Energy Company's office.
3. To inform the Board by way of letter directed to the Board Secretary that the notice has been posted on your website, immediately upon completion.
4. To provide a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

All correspondence to the Board regarding this matter must quote file number EB-2012-0319 and must consist of one electronic copy e-mailed to BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca and two hard copies filed with the Board Secretary.

NOTE:

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO POST THE NOTICE ON YOUR WEBSITE AS DIRECTED BY AUGUST 3, 2012 OR IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A WEBSITE, YOU MUST INFORM THE BOARD IMMEDIATELY BY WAY OF LETTER DIRECTED TO THE BOARD SECRETARY.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Encl.