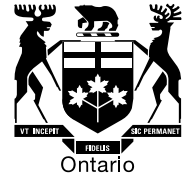


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December 20, 2012

**To: All Participants in Consultation EB-2012-0246
All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Licensed Electricity Generators
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: Board Staff Discussion Paper on Issues Related to the Connection of
Micro-Embedded Generation Facilities
Board File Number: EB-2012-0246**

The Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) has today posted for comment a Board Staff Discussion Paper on Issues Related to the Connection of Micro-Embedded Generation Facilities (the “Discussion Paper”).

Written comments received will be considered by the Board in determining whether any regulatory changes are required regarding the treatment of micro-embedded generation facilities.

Written comments on the Discussion Paper must be filed with the Board by **January 25, 2013**.

All filings to the Board in relation to this consultation must be addressed to the Board Secretary, quote file number **EB-2012-0246** and include your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, e-mail address and fax number.

Two paper copies of each filing must be provided, and should be sent to:

Kirsten Walli
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The Board asks that participants make every effort to provide an electronic copy of their filings in searchable/unrestricted Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format and to submit their filings through the Board's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-filing services" webpage on the Board's website at www.OntarioEnergyBoard.ca, and fill out a user ID password request.

Additionally, interested parties are requested to follow the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the document entitled "RESS Document Preparation – A Quick Guide" also found on the "e-filing services" webpage. If the Board's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by e-mail at BoardSec@OntarioEnergyBoard.ca. Those who do not have internet access should submit the electronic copy of their filing on CD.

Those that do not have internet access should provide a CD containing their filing in PDF format.

Filings to the Board must be received by the Board Secretary by **4:45 p.m.** on the required date.

If the written comment is from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an individual from a regulated entity), before making the written comment available for viewing at the Board's offices or placing the written comment on the Board's website, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the written comment (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the written comment will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

Cost Awards

Cost awards will be available to eligible parties under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for their participation in this consultation. Costs awarded will be recovered from all licensed electricity distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

The Board identified parties eligible for cost awards in its [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) dated July 17, 2012 for participants in the **EB-2012-0246** consultation.

When determining the amount of the cost awards, the Board will apply the principles set out in section 5 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The maximum hourly rates set out in the Board's Cost Awards Tariff will also be applied.

Groups representing the same interests or class of persons are expected to make every effort to communicate and co-ordinate their participation in this process.

The Board will use the process set out in section 12 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* to implement the payment of the cost awards. Therefore, the Board will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process.

For more information on the cost awards process, please see the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The Practice Direction can be found on the Board's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca on the "Rules, Codes, Guidelines and Forms" webpage.

Cost awards will be available to eligible participants as follows:

Activity Eligible for Cost Awards	Total Eligible Hours per Eligible Participant
Written comments on the Discussion Paper	Up to 20 hours

Any questions regarding this consultation process should be directed to Roy Hrab at Roy.Hrab@OntarioEnergyBoard.ca or at 416-440-7745. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary