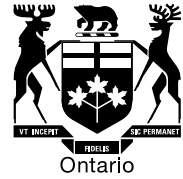


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BY E-MAIL

February 11, 2013

Heather and Gerhard Ritzema
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Dear Heather and Gerhard Ritzema

**Re: Varna Wind Inc.
Application for Leave to Construct
Board File No. EB-2012-0442
Request for Cost Award Eligibility**

The Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") has determined that you are eligible to apply for an award of costs under its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

The following information should be used as guidance for what costs an intervenor may or may not recover in a cost award

- you may be eligible to recover out-of-pocket costs for photocopying or for travel to attend any Board hearing or other related Board event;
- you will not be eligible to receive any costs (out-of-pocket travel costs or otherwise) for events organized by persons other than the Board;
- you will likely not be eligible to receive any costs to compensate you for your time, such as the time you spend attending or preparing documentation for any Board hearing.;
- you may be eligible to recover legal fees if you hire legal counsel. However, please note that if you hire legal counsel, your counsel will be expected to coordinate with legal counsel for other parties in order to avoid duplication ; and
- any costs would be authorized and payable after the Board's decision in the proceeding

Further, as indicated in Procedural Order No. 1, which you have received, the Board will not authorize any costs regarding issues outside the Board's jurisdiction.

You should refer to section 5.0 of the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, to see the principles the Board may consider in determining the amount of a cost award.

The *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and related forms are available on the Board's website at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca>. You will need to refer to and follow the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* when it is time to submit any cost claim. You will be informed of when to submit any cost claim, at the end of the hearing.

If you have any questions concerning cost awards, please contact Rudra Mukherji at 416-440-7608.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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