

February 20, 2013

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary, Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board – Stakeholder Meeting – February 27, 2013 – EB-2012-0397
Encouraging Electricity Distributor Efficiency**

I am a consultant representing the Consumers Council of Canada (``Council``). We are in receipt of the Ontario Energy Board's (``Board``) announcement on February 11, 2013, that it is initiating a consultation to assess how its approach to the regulation of electricity distributors may affect the ability of distributors to realize the operational or organizational efficiencies that benefit customers. I am writing to indicate our client's intention to participate in the consultation and to request cost eligibility for its participation.

The Council requests that it be eligible for costs on the following grounds. The Council has participated in many Board proceedings and consultations over a long period of time. In all of these proceedings and consultations the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. The Council is a non-profit, public interest organization, which represents the interests of residential consumers of electricity in Ontario. The issues to be considered in this consultation will have an impact on those consumers. We are of the view that the perspective of residential consumers is an important part of this consultation. The Council looks forward to providing input to the Board on the issues to be considered through this process.

The Council has no funds to support its participation in this process. In the absence of a cost award our client would not be able to participate in this process.

I will be the Council's representative in this consultation process. My address is 62 Hillside Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M4S 1T5. My phone number is 416-322-7936 and my e-mail address is jgirvan@uniserve.com.

Yours truly,

Julie E. Girvan

CC: Joan Huzar, CCC