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Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P1E4

Attention: Kristen Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Ontario Sustainable Energy Association Request for Intervenor Status  
Enbridge Gas Distribution Update To The 2012-2014 Demand Side  
Management Plan  
Board File No. EB-2012-0394**

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The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (“OSEA”) respectfully requests that it be permitted to intervene in this matter and that it be found eligible for costs in this proceeding.

**About OSEA**

OSEA is a province-wide, non-profit organization representing approximately 200 members centered on the vision of sustainable energy. OSEA promotes the view that every Ontarian can be a conservator and generator of sustainable energy. A list of its members can be found at: <http://www.ontario-sea.org>.

OSEA’s members share a common interest in supporting and promoting sustainable energy processes in Ontario. OSEA advances a vision of small scale and local community based power generation among other sustainable energy practices. This form of sustainable community power generation and delivery requires the availability of displacement generation.



To OSEA, sustainable energy is

*the effective and efficient production and use of energy from various distributed sources matched in scale and quality to the end use.*

*Proponents of sustainable energy recognize that energy is a means to an end, not the end itself. Sustainable energy is about producing and using energy in a way that meets our needs and improves the quality of our lives while also ensuring that the ecological system that sustains us, our economy and society is healthy and capable of supporting future generations at a similar level long into the future.*

*Sustainable Energy includes conservation, energy efficiency, demand management, smart buildings, thermal and electrical storage, smart-grids, district energy networks, combined heat and power, waste energy capture and renewable heat and electricity from biomass, wind, water, geothermal and solar energy.*

For OSEA and its membership, a sustainable energy future is a public interest of all Ontarians.

### **Request for Cost Eligibility**

OSEA seeks funding for the participation of its counsel and expert advisor, Ms. Marion Fraser of Fraser & Company.

OSEA requests that it be determined eligible for a cost award on the following grounds:

1. OSEA is a not for profit organization that is committed to representing the public interest on energy policy matters that contribute or impede sustainable energy development for Ontario. Its membership consists of several non-profit/community organizations that advocate for a variety of interest groups including ratepayers. Further, OSEA's membership includes thousands of individual ratepayers.
2. OSEA's members, both individuals and organizations, are interested in the development of sustainable energy in Ontario as consumers, individuals and citizens of Ontario. To OSEA members, sustainable energy is a combination of energy conservation and renewable generation.
3. OSEA is not a trade or industry association representing any specific product suppliers, generators, or specific generation technologies. OSEA is not simply an association for energy generators.
4. OSEA does not have funds of its own to allocate towards its meaningful participation in this matter.



OSEA requests that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following parties:

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Yours truly,

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