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To: Ontario Power Generation
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters
Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario
Consumers Council of Canada
Energy Probe
Green Energy Coalition
London Property Management Association
Retail Council of Canada
School Energy Coalition
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

**Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards for the Consultation on Incentive Rate
Making Options for OPG's Prescribed Generation Assets**

Board File No.: EB-2012-0340

Background

On July 31, 2012, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") initiated a consultation process on incentive rate making options for OPG's prescribed generation assets. In its July 31, 2012 letter, the Board stated that cost awards would be available to eligible persons under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to their participation in this consultation process, and that any costs awarded would be recovered from Ontario Power Generation. Appendix A to the July 31, 2012 letter indicated that the Board would use the process set out in section 12 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards. It also identified the activities eligible for cost awards in this consultation process (participation in the stakeholder meeting), as well as the number of hours for which cost awards would be available for those eligible activities (30 hours).

In accordance with the Board's August 17, 2012 Decision on Cost Eligibility, the following participants were found to be eligible for an award of costs: the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario; Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters; the Consumers Council of Canada; Energy Probe Research Foundation; the Green Energy Coalition; London Property Management Association; Retail Council of Canada; School Energy Coalition; and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (collectively, the "eligible parties").

In a letter posted on October 25, 2012, the Board informed consultation participants that cost awards would be available for eligible parties who filed second round submissions in accordance with the Board's September 19, 2012 letter that added a second round of comments to the consultation process. Cost awards up to a maximum of 10 hours are available to eligible parties that filed second round comments.

Notice of Hearing

The Board is initiating this hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that will be made in accordance with section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The file number for this hearing is EB-2012-0340.

The Board intends to proceed by way of written hearing unless a party can satisfy the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If a party wants to object to a written hearing, the objection must be received by the Board no later than **7 days** after the date of this Notice.

Assuming that the Board does not receive any objections to a written hearing, the hearing will follow the process set out below.

1. The eligible parties shall submit their cost claims by **May 6, 2013**. A copy of the cost claim must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on Ontario Power Generation. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.
2. Ontario Power Generation will have until **May 21, 2013** to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. A copy of the objection must be filed with the Board and one copy must be served on the eligible party against whose claim the objection is being made.

3. The eligible party whose cost claim was objected to will have until **May 28, 2013** to make a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be allowed. A copy of the reply submission must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on Ontario Power Generation.
4. The Board will then issue its decision on cost awards. The Board's costs may also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

Service of cost claims, objections and reply submissions on other parties may be done by courier, registered mail, facsimile or e-mail. All submissions in this hearing (i.e., cost claims, objections and replies) will form part of the public record. Copies of the submissions will be available for inspection at the Board's office and the submissions may be published on the Board's website.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2012-0340, be made through the Board's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca. If the web portal is not available you may email your document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

If you do not file a letter objecting to a written hearing or do not participate in the hearing by filing written submissions in accordance with this notice, the Board may proceed without your participation and you will not be entitled to further notice in this proceeding.

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Yours truly,

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