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VIA E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING

August 23, 2013

To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors

All Participants in Consultation Process EB-2010-0379

All Other Interested Stakeholders

Re: Stakeholder Conference on September 11, 2013

Empirical Work in Support of Incentive Rate Setting in Ontario for

Electricity Distributors

Board File No.: EB-2010-0379

The purpose of this letter is to notify interested participants of a stakeholder conference that will be held on September 11, 2013 in relation to empirical work in support of incentive rate setting in Ontario for electricity distributors.

The Board expects to release its draft report in relation to the empirical work in early September. The Board anticipates that the determination of values with respect to certain parameters of the rate-setting mechanisms may benefit from further consultation. The stakeholder conference will provide a forum for further discussion of those values. The stakeholder conference will be moderated by members of the Board who will subsequently report back to the full Board.

The Board anticipates that matters discussed at the stakeholder conference will likely involve issues in relation to Board staff's and participants' experts' models and methodologies for estimating the rate-setting parameters. Participants should therefore plan to have their experts in attendance at the stakeholder conference.

The Board will provide each expert, including Board staff's expert, with an opportunity to make a presentation. Participants that have not previously put forward an expert report may also make a presentation. A guide to assist parties in preparing their presentations will be issued with the Board's draft report.

Stakeholder Conference Details and Cost Awards

The stakeholder conference will take place in the Board's North Hearing Room, 25th floor, 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto. The conference will be broadcast over the web to allow remote participation and will be transcribed. The conference is expected to run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost awards will be available to participants that have previously been found eligible in relation to this consultation process for the preparation for (including review of the Board's draft report), attendance at, and reporting on the stakeholder conference, to a maximum of 20 hours.

Stakeholders that intend to participate in the stakeholder conference are asked to email notice of their intention to RRF@ontarioenergyboard.ca by September 6, 2013, and to include "EB-2010-0379 Stakeholder Attendance" in the subject line of their email. Participants are asked to indicate in their email whether they intend to attend in person or by web.

Participants that intend to make a presentation at the stakeholder conference are asked to also indicate this in their e-mail, and to file copies of the presentation with the Board by **September 9, 2013** in accordance with the filing instructions set out in Attachment B.

If you have any questions regarding this consultation, please contact Lisa Brickenden at 416-440-8113, or by e-mail at RRF@ontarioenergyboard.ca. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

Attachment A – Filing Instructions

ATTACHMENT A

To Letter Dated August 23, 2013

Filing Instructions

Two (2) paper copies of each filing must be provided, and should be sent to:

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

The Board requests that stakeholders make every effort to provide electronic copies 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/, quoting the file number EB-2010-0379. A user ID is required to submit documents through the Board's web portal. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-filings services" webpage on the Board's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca, and fill out a user ID password request. Additionally, stakeholders 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 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. They must quote the applicable file number (**EB-2010-0379**) and include your name, address, telephone number and, where available, your e-mail address and fax number.

All materials related to this consultation will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and on the Board's website (www.ontarioenergyboard.ca).

If the filing 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 filing available for viewing at the Board's offices or placing the filing on the Board's website, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the filing (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 filing will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.