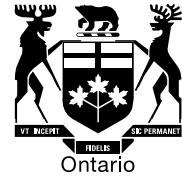


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BY E-MAIL

November 4, 2013

Dear Mr. Gallant:

Thank you for submitting a letter to the Board regarding the proceeding that addressed the Ontario Power Authority ("OPA") licence amendments (EB-2013-0192).

In that letter you raised concerns and requested an explanation as to why cost awards were granted to the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association ("OSEA"). At this time, the Board has not provided cost awards to any party in this proceeding. It has only determined whether the intervenors involved are eligible to receive cost awards. The Board only awards costs if the participation by an intervenor has been responsible and of value to the Board. The Board will review the submissions of all intervenors, including OSEA's, within that context.

The Board is governed by the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards (Section 3) in determining cost eligibility. Cost eligibility is not based on the ability to pay for the intervention. It is based on the interests represented by that intervenor. In most cases, stakeholder groups representing generators are not granted cost eligibility in Board proceedings. As a result, OSEA has been determined to be ineligible on a number of occasions.

However, the Board panel also has discretion in deciding on who is eligible for cost awards (Section 3.07 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards). The OPA licence amendment case dealt with matters that differ from most other cases that come before the Board. It addressed matters related to Integrated Regional Resource Planning which is intended to determine the appropriate mix of generation, CDM and infrastructure investments to meet a regional need. The licence amendments therefore had potential implications for generators. As a consequence, the Board panel determined that hearing OSEA's views would be of benefit to the Board in making its decision and cost eligibility was therefore granted.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Board Secretary