

May 28, 2014

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

Re: EB-2013-0321 – Ontario Power Generation Inc. 2013/2014 Payment Amounts – Issues

The Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”) is an intervenor in the above-referenced proceeding. On May 26, 2014, the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) submitted a letter to the Ontario Energy Board (“Board”) requesting that the Board re-prioritize a small number of the issues moving them from “Secondary” to “Primary”. SEC submitted that as a result of discussions during the Settlement Conference a clearer picture emerged as to what still has to be put on the record in order for the Board to determine the issues. Furthermore, SEC submitted that the Board’s ability to assess the evidence would be compromised if the issues it refers to are not included in the oral hearing phase of the proceeding.

The Council recognizes that the Board has, over the last several months, considered many submissions by the parties regarding the prioritization of issues. It is clear that the Board wants an efficient and effective hearing process. The Council is supportive of a process that is efficient and effective. It is also important to recognize, however, that the issues SEC is seeking to re-prioritize are material and could have a significant impact on OPG’s payment amounts, which ultimately impact Ontario electricity ratepayers. Accordingly, it is important that the Board, to the extent possible, have all of the relevant information before it in order to determine the appropriate payment amounts. We therefore support SEC’s request. The Council notes that moving these issues to the oral hearing phase will not add a significant amount of time to the overall hearing process.

Yours truly,

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